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The Valley Independent will publish a morning edition Monday so our family of employees can enjoy the Labor Day holiday with relatives and friends.

Our business office will be closed Monday, but the circulation department will be available to accept service calls from 7 to 10 a.m. at (724) 684-2600.

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MONDAY

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Drug 'ceiling' targeted

Authorities say cop's arrest shows Monongahela is getting serious about its narcotics problem.

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That drug trafficking has occurred in Monongahela was no secret. It was just a question who was going to smash that illegal activity, Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani said.

Toprani, armed with a grand jury presentment and backed by a myriad of law enforcement personnel, served notice that someone is willing to fight drug trafficking head-on.

"It's like there has been a glass dome over (Monongahela)," Toprani said. "Some of the action was taking place right out in the open, but unfettered. We're going to break that ceiling."

The city is just one local area now under the microscope.

"The Mon Valley has been an area long overlooked," Toprani said.

Since taking office 20 months ago, Toprani's drug task force has made more than 60 drug-related arrests in Mon Valley.

But authorities made the biggest statement in the drug war Friday when Monongahela police Officer George Langan was arrested while on duty.

His arrest was a result of the first presentment from a grand jury convened in May. The first grand jury in three decades in the county implicated Langan as an important figure in Monongahela's cocaine trade, and asserts that Langan protected drug dealers by alerting them of searches and arrests and by revealing police information of counter drug efforts.

The grand jury believes Langan distributed cocaine as a partner in a drug-dealing organization.

The 45-year-old Langan was targeted by the grand jury in June after Drug Task Force detectives suspected several narcotics investigations were compromised by "tipoffs" Langan made to suspects.

He faces 10 charges: obstruction of justice, hindering apprehension, official oppression, possession of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), delivery of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), criminal conspiracy, corrupt organization, witness intimidation,

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Monongahela police officer George Langan, left, is led out of the Washington County Courthouse Friday by Washington County Sheriff Samuel Romano.

Jobless rate at 26-year high

Some positives seen as rate of job losses slowed slightly in August.

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — At least it's not all bad anymore.

The nation's unemployment rate climbed last month to 9.7 percent — the highest in nearly a generation — but the number of job losses was less than expected and the smallest monthly total in a year.

"It's good to see the rate of job losses slow down," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight. But with unemployment rising, "there isn't the underlying fuel there for strong consumer spending growth," which is vital for a strong recovery.

Employers shed 216,000 jobs in August, the Labor Department said Friday. That was 9,000 fewer than expected but a far cry from the job creation required to rejuvenate the economy: about 125,000 new jobs each month just to keep the unemployment rate from increasing.

The unemployment rate rose three-tenths of a percentage point since July, reaching its highest level since 1983, when it was 10.1 percent. Economists predict that the jobless rate will peak above 10 percent by the middle of next year.

At the same time, many analysts say the economy should grow by a healthy 3 to 4 percent in the third quarter, pulling the United States out of the longest recession since World War II.

Most of that improvement, though, stems from auto companies and other manufacturers refilling their depleted stockpiles. Those inventories had plummeted as factories and retailers sought to bring goods more in line with reduced sales during the recession. Without stepped-up demand from consumers, any current economy growth might not last.

The Obama administration's $787 billion stimulus package of tax cuts and increased spending

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Green (and gold) party

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

There was no doubt about the loyalties of these Belle Vernon Area fans, who painted themselves to support the Leps in their season opener Friday night. Get all the details on the first night of the 2009 football season on Pages 1-3B.

Area students won't be watching Obama address

Most districts are passing on the president's speech to students next week.

By JENNIFER REEGER
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President Obama's speech to the nation's school children next week won't be seen in the Monessen.

Monessen School District Superintendent Cynthia Chelen had planned to show the speech, set for noon Tuesday, live to students but changed those plans Friday morning.

"We've had a few phone calls," she said. "I guess word travels, and some people don't want their children to see it."

So Monessen will tape the speech and show it on another day, giving parents notice in case they want their child to opt out.

"I don't want to take the chance if we do it live," Chelen said. "I don't want somebody to say they didn't know about it."

Chelen thought watching the speech live would allow students to be part of history and get an important message.

"I think it's important for all kids to hear," she said. "They have to realize that's the only way they're going to be successful in life. They need an education first."

Obama

While the White House said Obama simply wants to speak to children to encourage them to work hard, set educational goals and take responsibility for their learning, some opponents believe it is a way to reach children about his administration's policy agenda.

Strong feelings over Obama's planned speech have school districts deciding how best to air the speech, if at all. None reached yesterday said they would air the speech live.

Some officials said it was a matter of logistics, because the speech will be occurring during the lunch hour. Others cited the need to review the speech to see if it is appropriate for all grade levels.

All indicated they had heard from parents who did not want their children to watch the speech either live or on tape.

Yough students will view the taped speech on Wednesday, but students whose parents have concerns can be excused.

When Greensburg Salem School District airs a tape of Obama's speech, Alicia Contic's three kids won't be among the viewers.

"If I want my child to watch it, we'll do it at home," said Contic, 41, of Greensburg. "If you want to keep religion out of school, you need to keep politics out of school."

"A number of the callers have been very passionate and adamant about their feelings," said Tom Shipley, director of secondary education for Greensburg Salem. "Some feel that President Obama will use this for political means and to promote his agenda. ... They're worried that he's going to urge students to support his policies and they think it's going to be political in nature, and they don't want to have school time devoted to that."

At Greensburg Salem, the speech will be taped, reviewed by administrators to see which ages it's appropriate for and then shown later in the week.

"We're going to look at that and make sure that it will be meaningful for all of our students because those are messages (about working hard and setting goals) we certainly feel are important for our students," Shipley said.

But parents, such as Contic, will be allowed to opt their children out of the viewing.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Jobless (FROM PAGE ONE)

contributed to the improvement, along with the popular Cash for Clunkers program. The clunkers program provided up to $4,500 in rebates to consumers who traded in old gas-guzzlers for newer models.

An $8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers has also helped boost housing sales and stabilize prices, after years of declines.

Yet economists worry that none of that will be enough to sustain an economic recovery once the government's efforts fade. As job losses persist and the unemployment rate climbs, even people with jobs will remain anxious about losing them and about spending too much.

Complicating the problem is that even people with good jobs are likely to remain tighter with their money for years to come. Having suffered deep losses in their home equity and stock portfolios, and still stuck with heavy debt loads, Americans will not spend as freely as they did before the recession.

Some economists even fear a so-called "double-dip" recession, which would cause the economy to shrink again next year.

"That's one of the reasons why businesses are reluctant to hire people," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at Cal State University, Channel Islands. "They're not at all sure the economic bottoming is for real."

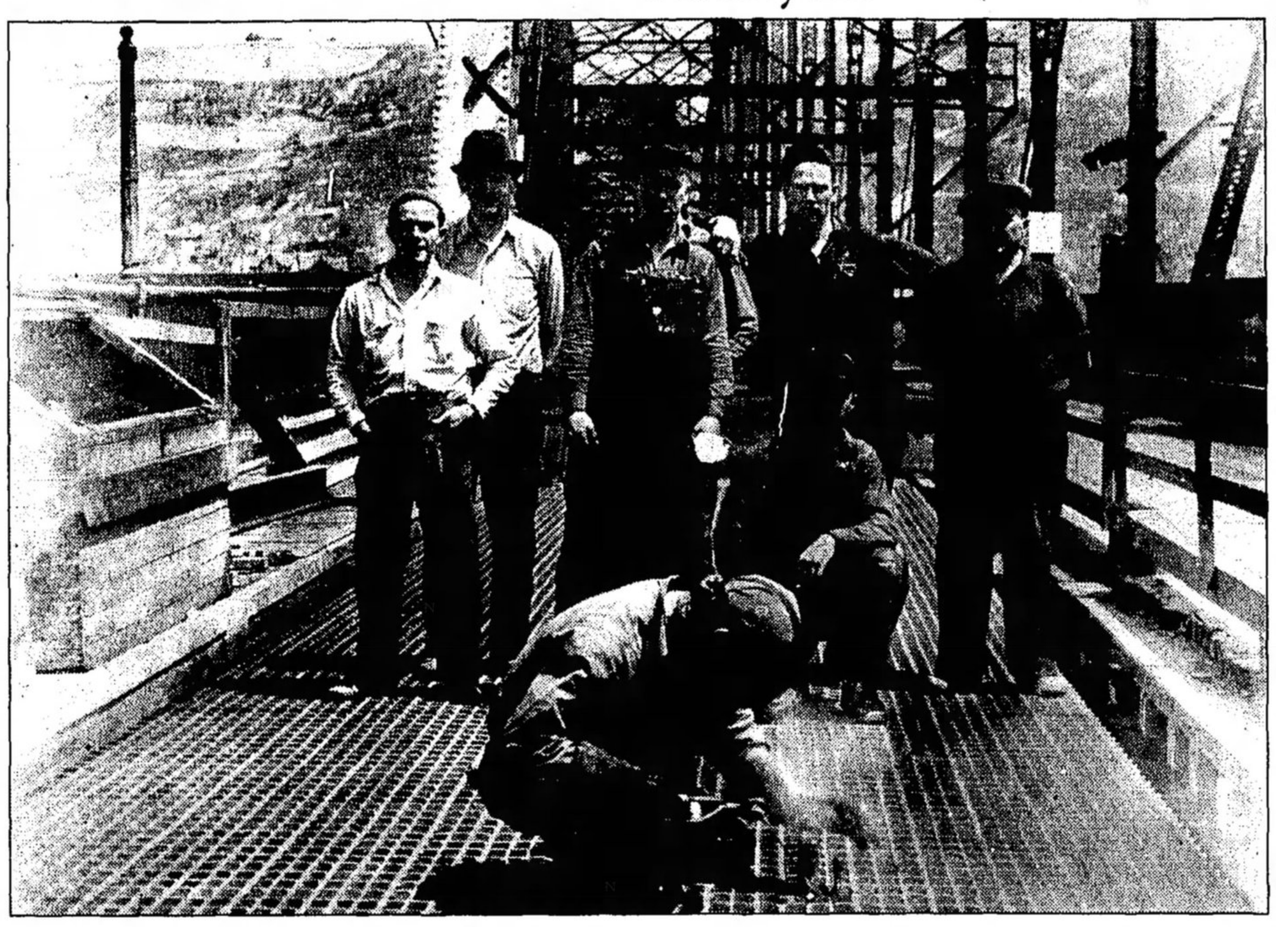
Gault does not foresee a double-dip recession. But he thinks that the economy, after growing at a 3.7 percent pace in the current quarter, will slow to 2 percent growth in the first three months of next year.

For now, the August unemployment report sketched a bleak portrait of the job market. The number of jobless Americans jumped by nearly 500,000 to 14.9 million. If laid-off workers who have settled for part-time work or given up seeking jobs are included, the so-called underemployment rate hit 16.8 percent last month. That's the highest such rate on records dating to 1994.

The number of workers who worked part time — because their hours were cut or they could find only part-time jobs — rose by about 300,000. As business improves, companies may switch many of those part-timers to full-time work before they add new employees. That's one reason why analysts expect the unemployment rate to keep rising.

Companies are also squeezing more work out of fewer people. Productivity, a measure of output per hour worked, jumped 6.6 percent in the April-June quarter. It was the largest advance since the summer of 2003.

Yesteryear



This photo was taken in 1939 while work was being done on the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge. The man in the back row on the left is John Kuma Sr., a rigger. John Kuma Jr., of Rostraver Township, submitted the photo.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Sunday	Labor Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 80 Low 62	High 78 Low 60	High 80 Low 59	High 81 Low 61	High 80 Low 59

Drugs (FROM PAGE ONE)

criminal use of a communication facility and possession of drug paraphernalia.

"One of our own took steps to hinder drug investigations, and that type of action put our officers at risk and limits our ability to make drug arrests," Toprani said. "Our community can't tolerate that."

Langan was on duty Friday, working an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift at the time of his arrest.

Just prior to his arrest, he was in the office of Police Chief Brian Tempest. The chief led Langan out of the police station, where he was apprehended by county Detective Ron Levi and county Sheriff Sam Romano without incident or comment.

"He was absolutely stoic — no emotion, no response," Toprani said.

Fallowfield, Carroll and Monongahela police, along with state troopers, were outside the Monongahela police station as well.

Langan was placed in the Washington County Jail after failing to post $500,000 straight-cash bond. He was placed in the secured housing unit, where he remains in a cell all but one hour a day.

Toprani said more details in the case will be revealed when the presentment is unsealed in coming weeks.

The district attorney credited the FBI, which has had an ongoing investigation into organized crime in the Mid-Mon Valley for more than a decade, for sharing information that corroborated his task force's work. He said the assistance of the state police and attorney general's office has been invaluable.

Langen is the first, but certainly not the only, person expected to be charged following grand jury presentments.

The grand jury has countywide jurisdiction, but Toprani said at least the initial phases of their work will center on drug activity in the Valley.

"We're going to continue to make arrests in Mon Valley," Toprani said. "I'm curious to see what we'll learn in the coming days and weeks. The grand jury is going to serve 18 months; it is in only its fourth month.

"We'll bring multiple cases before the grand jury. Our work has just begun."

Toprani said the election of Mayor Bob Kepics "changed the culture of Monongahela." The district attorney said he has great praise for the Tempest's work with the task force and his help in uncovering drug activity.

"Are we making changes? Yes," Tempest said.

Kepics in turn credited Toprani, and commended "all of the agencies involved in this investigation." Kepics said it took the combination of himself and Toprani getting elected to office along with the mayor's ap-pointment of Tempest as chief for drug activity in the city to come under fire.

"There was drug activity before, but there was never a drug bust in nine years," Kepics said. "There have been 48 since I became mayor. It took Brian and Steve and I to do something.

"We're cleaning up town."

Kepics said robberies have decreased in the city because of the drug arrests. The suspects in those robberies were often to find money to feed their habits.

"It's sad George had to go down, but he was dirty."

"When I became mayor, I said 'I'm going to do something about drug activity,'" Kepics said. "It saddens me that one of our officers was involved in this, but it shows that no one is above the law."

Langan was an officer for 18 years with the city, all fulltime.

He also worked part time for the Fallowfield Township police department for about five months.

"It's said, but it's a turning point for our police department, I hope," said Fallowfield Township Supervisor Donn Henderson.

The Monongahela police department now employs 15 officers, including eight full time — including the chief. In addition to the city, the department also patrols New Eagle and Finleyville.

Tempest, the man who had the task of handing over one of his own officers to authorities, struggled with mixed emotions. But ultimately, his thoughts signaled the message of the day.

"It's really difficult," Tempest said. "He was a friend and a very likeable guy. It's difficult. You become sad though thinking that a fellow officer could go so far and then you get mad realizing that lives could have been in danger.

"But the overriding emotion is the satisfaction in knowing that no matter who you are, you're not above the law and that we have the best legal system in the world."

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Appearing at a press conference Friday after the arrest of Monongahela police officer George M. Langan are, from left, Washington County District Attorney Steven M. Toprani, Monongahela Police Chief Brian Tempest and Washington County Sheriff Samuel Romano.

Ashcroft loses in appeals court

Former AG can be held liable in 9/11 case.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A federal appeals court delivered a stinging rebuke Friday to the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 detention policies, ruling that former Attorney General John Ashcroft can be held liable for people who were wrongfully detained as material witnesses after 9/11.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the government's improper use of material witnesses after Sept. 11 was "repugnant to the Constitution and a painful reminder of some of the most ignominious chapters of our national history."

The court found that a man who was detained as a witness in a federal terrorism case can sue Ashcroft for allegedly violating his constitutional rights. Abdullah al-Kidd, a U.S. citizen and former University of Idaho student, filed the lawsuit against Ashcroft and other officials in 2005, claiming his civil rights were violated when he was detained as a material witness for two weeks in 2003.

He said the investigation and detention not only caused him to lose a scholarship to study in Saudi Arabia, but cost him employment opportunities and caused his marriage to fall apart.

He argued that his detention exemplified an illegal government policy created by Ashcroft to arrest and detain people — particularly Muslim men and those of Arab decent — as material witnesses if the government suspected them of a crime but had no evidence to charge them.

Ashcroft had asked the judge to dismiss the matter, saying that because his position at the Department of Justice was prosecutorial he was entitled to absolute immunity from the lawsuit. Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller would only say Friday that the agency is reviewing the opinion.

The exact ramifications of the ruling were not immediately clear, but at a minimum it casts a negative spotlight on the Bush administration's practice of detaining Muslim men earlier this decade at a time when the nation was still on edge after Sept. 11.

The judges said they also didn't intend to dampen the ardor of prosecutors as they carried out their duties, and said they were mindful of the pressures face by the attorney general. But, they said, even qualified immunity doesn't allow the attorney general to carry out national security functions completely free from any personal liability concerns.

All three judges on the panel have reputations as politically conservative jurists, with two appointed by former President George W. Bush and the third a Reagan appointee.

Al-Kidd's attorney, Lee Gelernt of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the ruling panel had implications reaching far beyond the government's actions in detaining material witnesses post-Sept. 11.

"Our hope is that we can now begin the process of uncovering the full contours of this illegal national policy," he said.

The 9th Circuit judges said al-Kidd's claims plausibly suggest that Ashcroft purposely used the material witness statute to detain suspects whom he wished to investigate and detain preventively.

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Contic, who admits she does not agree with Obama's policies, said she would have a problem with any president of any political party addressing children in school.

"You let him address this speech, then when's the next speech coming?" Contic said. "That's the problem. Once you set a precedent and say it's OK, it will keep getting worse and keep getting worse and keep getting worse."

Officials in Penn-Trafford and Norwin and Franklin Regional said they would tape the speech, review it to see if it's relevant for their students and air it at a later date. Parents have the option of pulling their children from any presentations.

Hempfield and Derry Area school districts won't show the speech to elementary-age students. Derry teachers will talk about the speech as part of their social studies curriculum.

Secondary students in those districts may view a tape of the speech if it fits within the curriculum, officials said.

Greater Latrobe School District will archive the speech and link it to the district's Web site, allowing parents to let their children watch it at home if they desire.

"Many parents have requested that they actually be with their child when they see it," said Superintendent Judith Swigart.

Valley briefs

Jury deadlocks in shooting trial

UNIONTOWN (AP) — A jury has deadlocked in the trial of a Hopwood woman charged with fatally shooting her boyfriend.

The Fayette County jury couldn't decide Thursday whether to convict 44-year-old Johnna Palya of first-degree murder or third-degree murder.

As a result, she'll be tried again, perhaps as early as next month, in the death of 43-year-old Barry Pavlicko on Aug. 26, 2007.

When she was first charged, police said the couple had been fighting over a pillow she wanted to use, but trial testimony showed the fight stemmed from a man flirting with her when they were out drinking.

Palya testified the gun went off accidentally, but police say she confessed to shooting Palya and that physical evidence shows she did so purposely in the back of his head.

Hempfield woman claims assault

GREENSBURG – A 51-year-old Hempfield Township woman said she was drugged and sexually assaulted by a man she met through the Internet as well as another man he brought to her house.

The woman told state police in Greensburg she met the 33-year-old man on tagged.com, a social networking Web site. The two corresponded via e-mails and telephone conversations and had met on two prior occasions, police said.

The woman told police the man speaks with broken English and is possibly of Italian or Spanish descent.

Around 10:15 p.m. Aug. 27, the man phoned the woman to say he would be stopping by for a visit. He arrived with another man, whom the woman described as a very tall man, possibly of Arabic descent.

The woman told police she and the men drank beer and hard liquor. At some point, she blacked out. She said she woke up the next morning in her bed and discovered some of her clothing was on backwards. She strongly believes that one or both of the men placed a drug in her drink and raped her, according to police.

Anyone with information about the assault or suspects is asked to call state police at (724) 832-3288.

Man accused of firing at police

UNIONTOWN – A Brownsville man who police allege twice fired a rifle at them from a moving vehicle is in jail.

Hiram Laken Stutler Jr., 30, of 248 Lynn Road, Brownsville, is charged by Redstone Township police with aggravated assault, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct, receiving stolen property, unauthorized persons and devices hanging on vehicles, and persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

In a criminal complaint, Sgt. Norman Howard said he and Sgt. John Brant of Brownsville police were conducting a traffic stop at 1:17 a.m. Thursday on National Pike near Davidson Siding Road when Stutler rode by in a Pontiac Grand Am. He leaned half his body out the passenger side and shouted at them.

Stutler then fired a .22-caliber rifle at the officers, according to the complaint. During an ensuing pursuit, Stutler allegedly fired another shot.

'Miss Nic' still delivers good cheer(s)

Virginia Niccolai taught in the Charleroi School District for more than 40 years.

By RON PAGLIA
For The Valley Independent

Valley exports

A weekly look at people who left the Valley

CATONSVILLE, Md. – There's no question where Virginia Niccolai will be on the evening of Sept. 11.

"Oh, I wouldn't miss it for anything," Niccolai, a retired Charleroi educator, said from her home in Catonsville, Maryland. "It's going to be a great night for those boys, the school and the community."

"Those boys" are members of the 1959 Charleroi High School football team that won the WPIAL Class AA championship. They will be honored on the 50th anniversary of their unbeaten (11-0-0) title season in ceremonies preceding this year's Cougars' home opener against South Allegheny.

"I taught most of them when they were in junior high school," Niccolai, affectionately known as "Miss Nic," recalled. "I can still visualize their faces as they sat in the classroom or walked through the halls. I know they are no longer young boys – they're grown men – but I will always think of them that way."

Those 41 men, a half-century removed from their 13-12 victory over Aliquippa in the WPIAL championship game at Pitt Stadium, are among the thousands of students who benefitted from Niccolai's passion for education during a career that spanned 42 years.

Her tenure began in 1943. She taught third grade for two years at Crest Avenue School and in 1945 moved to a special education (elementary level) position. In 1950 she transferred to the junior high and worked there until 1961.

"I was transferred to the senior high school and had the opportunity to initiate the art program on the senior level," Niccolai, 88, said. "That was the first time art had been introduced to senior students."

Niccolai, who retired after the 1984-85 school year, said teaching "was always a joy" to her.

"I found that I had excellent rapport with my students and especially enjoyed working with students that were challenged either with learning or behavioral problems," she said. "It seemed like keeping them involved with art gave them an opportunity for positive expression and frequently kept them from getting into trouble."

She also said one of the "most memorable and rewarding" parts of her teaching career has continued over the years with letters and phone calls from former students.

"As a teacher, I was somewhat aware of the impact I had on the lives of those I taught, but as my students have graduated and entered into their personal careers, it is sometimes overwhelming to hear that what they learned from me has helped them throughout their lives," Niccolai said. "It is so encouraging to know that your students respect you so many years later."

Virginia Niccolai

Niccolai's lingering love for her hometown and profession extends beyond the classroom. She emphasized that by calling attention to sports and other extracurricular activities as a "great way to instill community and school pride."

"What those young men did in 1959 by winning the football championship really brought the community together," she said. "Everyone in town as well as at the school rallied around them, supported them, and they accomplished something few teams achieve. The same was true the year before (1957-58) when our (Charleroi High) basketball team won the WPIAL (Class A) championship. The boys and the coaches on those teams energized the community."

Niccolai said other students brought similar recognition to Charleroi.

"Our bands, under the direction of 'Professor' Ed Sweadner, were among the best in the state, perhaps the country, for many years," she said. "And we had outstanding musicians, singers, debaters and, yes, artists. It is amazing what young people can do in creating unified cause to celebrate."

In addition to the 1959 football players, another of Niccolai's former students, Mark Joswick, has played a key role in the championship anniversary festivities. Joswick, a 1970 Charleroi High graduate and retired educator now living in Montclair, Va., and his twin daughters, Ashley and Courtney, both graphic designers, designed a commemorative poster showcasing the '59 Cougars. They also designed a "50th Anniversary" patch that will be presented to the honorees Friday night. The patches also will be worn on the jerseys of this year's players.

"Mark and his daughters did an exceptional job in creating the poster and the patch," Niccolai said. "Both items are beautiful, something the players and everyone else will treasure."

Niccolai moved to the Erickson Retirement Community at Charlestown in Catonsville in 2000 because living alone "was getting to be more of a challenge."

"I looked at alternative living arrangements in the Mon Valley and in Maryland," she said. "I made the decision to move here. It is a comprehensive retirement community offering a safe residence, continual care, a complete medical program, numerous activities and a 'family' of some 1,200 residents with varied backgrounds and former careers."

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Former legislator, aide ordered to stand trial

The pair are accused of using BIG for Mike Veon's political interests.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG — Former House Democratic Whip Mike Veon and his former aide on Friday were held for trial on criminal charges that they misused the Beaver Initiative for Growth, a nonprofit formed to encourage development.

Veon

Peretta-Rosepink

Veon and aide Annamarie Peretta-Rosepink are charged with theft, conflict of interest and conspiracy for allegedly using the organization, known as BIG, for Veon's political interests.

Legislative grants providing more than $10 million in state tax money went to the nonprofit over a decade.

"Mr. Veon is never going to be found guilty of these charges," said Phoenix lawyer Dan Raynak, a college buddy of Veon's, who is representing him.

Michael Palermo, a Carlisle lawyer representing Peretta-Rosepink, said prosecutors did not prove a conspiracy between his client and Veon.

But Senior Deputy Attorney General Anthony Krastek told reporters: "I'm certainly glad the case was held for court. The proper standard was used today."

A different district judge in May dismissed all charges against Veon and Peretta-Rosepink. That judge, Joseph Solomon, subsequently recused himself when prosecutors refilled most of the charges.

"I find it disconcerting that you can keep on shopping around until you can find someone who agrees with you," Raynak said.

Magisterial District Judge William Wenner said he thought prosecutors met the burden needed at a preliminary hearing — evidence that a crime probably occurred.

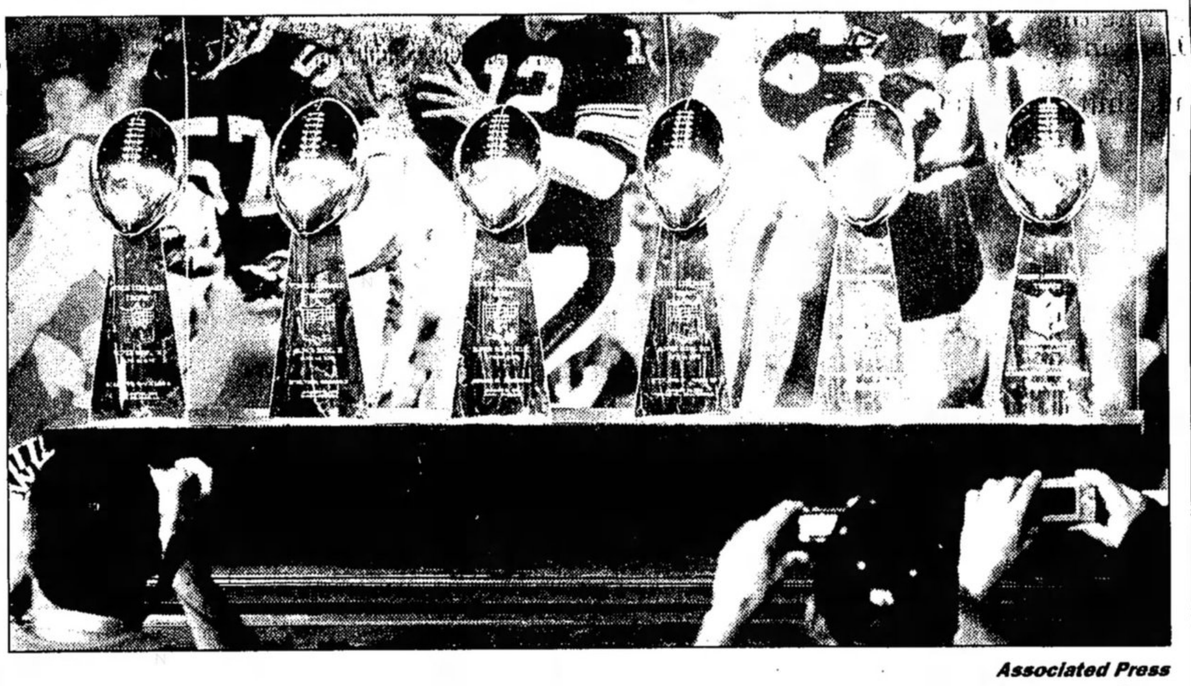
Prosecutors alleged that Veon arranged a $126,000 salary for his brother, Mark, with Delta Development, a company that held contracts with BIG and the House Democratic Caucus.

They charge that Veon and Peretta-Rosepink used BIG funds to pay for an office on Pittsburgh's South Side that wasn't used for BIG business. The only employee who ever worked there was a woman from then-House Democratic leader Bill DeWeese's office, placed there by DeWeese's former chief of staff, Mike Manzo.

Manzo, who has agreed to plead guilty, is a defendant in a separate case with 11 other defendants, including Veon and Peretta-Rosepink. That set of charges claims the defendants used state resources for political purposes.

Prosecutors claim that a Midland office for BIG was paid for with nonprofit funds and amounted to a satellite legislative office for Veon.

Former state Sen. Gerald LaValle, who co-chaired BIG with Veon, testified that it was Veon's organization and he had little or no control of the nonprofit. He is not accused of wrongdoing.



Associated Press

The six Super Bowl trophies won by the Pittsburgh Steelers are photographed by Steelers fans while on display in the Great Hall of Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on Friday.

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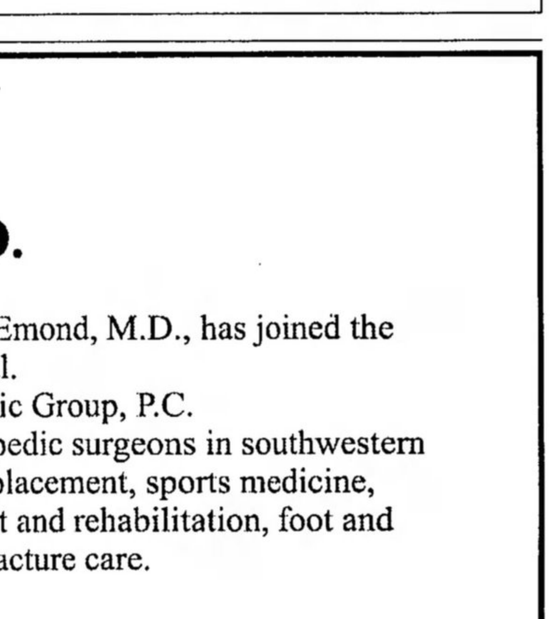

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RECORDS

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following people appeared Friday for preliminary hearings before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen:

■ Matthew J. Abate, 38, of 4 W. Hillcrest Drive, Eighty Four; charged with false identification to law enforcement and retail theft July 10 at Wal-Mart. The case was waived to court.

■ Danielle Dawson, 25, of 321 Short St., Monessen; charged with theft by unlawful taking, and receiving stolen property July 17 at BP Fueland while she was a store employee. The case was waived to court.

■ Wendy Wade, 49, of 909 Alexander St., Monessen, and Denise Wade, 41, of 338 Highland Manor, Monessen, were both charged with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct and harassment stemming from an alleged incident July 17 at Wal-Mart. Wendy Wade was also charged with terroristic threats. The cases against both women were withdrawn.

■ Sharae Majors, 29, of 435 Clarendon Ave., Monessen; charged with simple assault, criminal mischief, harassment and disorderly conduct April 5 on Knox Avenue and 10th Street, Monessen. The case was waived to court.

■ Aaron Payne, 43, of 1116 Reservoir Ave., Monessen; charged with criminal trespass, criminal mischief, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct Aug. 27 at 708 Sixth St., Monessen. The charges were waived to court.

■ Gayle L. Cunningham, 44, of 325 Route 906, Monongahela; charged with possession of a controlled substance (suspected crack and hydrocodone) and driving while under suspension.

'Miss Nic' (FROM PAGE THREE)

Niccolai has kept busy at Erickson by teaching art and craft classes, being a member of the Garden Club and being actively involved with the Educational Committee for Community College of Baltimore County. She also has created posters to welcome members of the U.S. Armed Forces returning from tours of duty in Iraq. Those posters are displayed in the Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Her professional career has been perpetuated with the opportunity to display her art work in numerous shows in the Catonsville area. She has received numerous first and second place awards for her watercolors, and her paintings and crafts are displayed throughout the area.

Her volunteer work with senior citizens was emphasized when she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2008.

"Niccolai was born in Vesta (near Dunlevy) on Aug. 1, 1921, the only child of the late Nello Niccolai and Carobina Ferrari Niccolai. The family moved to Charleroi when Virginia was four.

"My father owned a grocery store at Sixth Street and Fallowfield Avenue," she said.

'Miss Nic' attended Ninth Street School and junior high in Charleroi and graduated from Charleroi High School in 1939. She received a bachelor of science degree and her teaching certificate from California State Teachers College in 1943 and a master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M., in 1945.

During her many years in Charleroi, Niccolai was active in myriad community, church and school programs.

She will have another opportunity to relive those times when she returns home Friday.

Significantly, she will make the trip to Charleroi with her niece, Pat Ferrari Kasuda, and her husband, John Kasuda, who also live in Catonsville. Kasuda was a starting end with another undefeated football team in 1959 – the Bellmar High Hurricanes, who posted a 10-0-0 record but missed the WPIAL playoffs because of insufficient Gardner Point System points.

Niccolai will be surrounded by winners at Cougar Stadium. And no one will be cheering louder or longer for them than 'Miss Nic."

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Jackson tomb remains a mystery at cemetery

The King of Pop's vault might be a secret for the ages.

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

GLENDALE, Calif. — The massive marble and concrete Great Mausoleum at Forest Lawn Memorial Park was slightly accessible by the public before Michael Jackson was entombed somewhere in its maze of floors and hallways.

Tell the entrance guard you were there to see the "Last Supper" stained-glass window show, and you were allowed to roam a portion of the catacombs for about 10 minutes before anyone hassled you.

But those open sections are only a fraction of the sprawling building that rises many stories and plunges deep underground.

So wherein lies the King of Pop in the monolith? That may be a secret for the ages.

On Friday, a tourist family asked a guard whether the superstar's tomb was private. The guard said it was.

"Private ... forever?" one of them asked.

"Private forever." he said.

No fans, no paparazzi, and so far no one trying too hard to steal a glimpse of the vault containing Jackson's golden casket.

The exact location may forever remain unknown to all but a select few: A guest who attended the Jackson ceremony told The Associated Press the casket had not been put into the vault by the time mourners left.

The guest spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the day.

Under Friday's hot midday sun, a woman with a camera was denied entry to the mausoleum. Guards shooed away a radio reporter who tried to go inside then began interviewing people outside.

The funeral began Thursday night nearly two hours after its scheduled 7 p.m. time. Some 200 mourners, including 77-year-old Elizabeth Taylor and other celebrities associated with Jackson, showed up promptly, only to wait at the outdoor seating area, under a withering late-summer sun that pushed temperatures to 90 degrees even as it was going down.

The ceremony began with remarks and song after the family arrived to fill the front five rows of white folding chairs.

Mourners then followed Jackson's brothers as they carried the casket into the mausoleum. The singer's daughter, 11-year-old Paris, cried and was comforted by her aunt, LaToya.

Paris and brothers Prince Michael, 12, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket, began the service by placing a bejeweled crown on their father's casket. They were composed through most of the 90-minute ceremony, the guest said.

Once inside, Gladys Knight performed the hymn "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer) and moved many to tears, according to the guest. When it was over, many of the 200 mourners hugged each other. Among them were Taylor, Jackson's ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley, Barry Bonds and Macaulay Culkin.

As it ended, Katherine Jackson appeared extremely weary and had to be helped to her car, according to the guest. Earlier, she had a difficult time going into the mausoleum; she was overcome and turned back, making it unclear if she went in at all, the guest said.

More than 400 media credentials were issued to reporters and film crews who were kept behind barricades. The few clusters of fans who gathered around the secure perimeter encircling the cemetery entrance struggled to see.

Glendale police said all went smoothly and there were no arrests.

Jackson will share eternity at Forest Lawn with the likes of Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and W.C. Fields, entombed alongside them in the Great Mausoleum. The level of security and secrecy about the location of Jackson's vault all but guaranteed it won't be turned into a shrine or tourist stop.

Nevada high court denies O.J. bid for prison release

Simpson didn't meet burden required to be allowed to post bail.

By KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — The Nevada Supreme Court denied O.J. Simpson's request Friday to be let out of prison pending a decision on the appeal of his conviction in a gunpoint heist in a Las Vegas hotel room.

A three-judge panel that heard oral arguments Aug. 3 concluded Simpson and convicted co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart didn't meet what the court called the "heavy burden" required to be allowed to post bail.

"Here, appellant was convicted of serious, nonprobationable, violent offenses committed with the use of a firearm," justices Michael Cherry, Nancy Saitta and Mark Gibbons said, using identical language in their separate unanimous rulings.

The justices also pointed to Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass' finding that both men posed a flight risk if released.

Simpson, 62, and Stewart, 55, were tried together and found guilty last year of kidnapping and robbing two sports memorabilia dealers in September 2007. Neither testified at the trial. Four other men involved in the escapade took plea deals and received probation after testifying for the prosecution.

Simpson's lawyers maintained he was trying to retrieve personal items that had been stolen from him and didn't know guns were involved. Stewart's lawyers said he went with Simpson to the Palace Station casino-hotel to help retrieve belongings and had no knowledge a crime would be committed.

Simpson lawyer Malcolm LaVergne in Las Vegas said he was disappointed with the high court ruling Friday. He said he had not yet been able to notify the former NFL star of the decision.

Clark County District Attorney David Roger called the ruling good news and said he was glad the court recognized "the magnitude of their decision and concurred with Judge Glass that these defendants pose a flight risk."

Stewart's lawyer, Brent Bryson, conceded that convincing the court to let his client go free on bond was "a long shot from the beginning."

Bryson said he doesn't believe the court's ruling "is in any way indicative of the strength of Mr. Stewart's appeal."

"We remain very hopeful in our quest for the ultimate appeal," he said.

Simpson is serving nine to 33 years at Lovelock Correctional Center, 90 miles northeast of Reno.

Stewart is serving 7 1/2 to 27 years at High Desert State Prison in Indian Springs, about 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The Nevada Supreme Court can take two years to decide appeals. Lawyers for both men said they had not decided whether to seek a rehearing on the bond issue before the full seven-member court.

Some observers in Nevada legal circles had seen the court's decision to hear unusual oral arguments on bail as a signal that justices saw merit in broader issues that lawyers raised in the appeals filed in May.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five days prior to publishing scheduled meetings or events.

CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Casino trip date changed

The Fayette City Goldenagers has changed the date of the Rivers Casino trip from Sept. 22 to Oct. 13. For information, call Stella at (724) 929-3059. An incorrect date was submitted and ran in a previous Valley Grapevine.

Death notice deadline set

The Valley Independent will publish a morning edition Monday so our family of employees can enjoy the Labor Day holiday with relatives and friends.

Information about obituaries must be delivered to the newsroom before 3 p.m. Sunday to appear in our special holiday issue.

We will resume our normal publication schedule on Tuesday.

DEATH NOTICES

DeLAVERGNE — Barabara Jean DeLavergne, 41, of Brownsville, on Friday, Sept. 4. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

AGLIO – James "Mac" Aglio Sr., 94, of Newell, on Friday, Sept. 4. Eley-McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

* See death notice

James Mac Aglio
Newell

James "Mac" Aglio Sr., 94, of Newell, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, in his residence with his family by his side. Friends will be received in the ELEY-MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Main St, Fayette City, on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Barabara Jean DeLavergne
Brownsville

Barbara Jean DeLavergne, 41, of Brownsville, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, in the Uniontown Hospital. She was born March 20, 1968, in Brownsville, a daughter of Harry "Buzz" and Mary Jane Davis Huweart of Brownsville. Barb was a U.S. Army veteran in the Gulf War. Holding the rank of sergeant, she was very dedicated to serving her country. She currently was employed as an automated logistical specialist at the National Guard in Fort Drum, New York. She enjoyed spending time with her cats, riding horses, planting flowers, reading and sitting on the porch relaxing. In addition to her parents, she is survived by four brothers, John Davis, of Florida, Harry "Fuzz" Huweart Jr., of Brownsville, Thomas and Richard Parker; and two sisters, Martha Hough, of Brownsville and Mary Jo Parker. Numerous aunts, uncles, cousins nieces and nephews also survive. Friends will be received on Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main Street, Monongahela, where services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. William C. Bass officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora, with full military honors accorded at the grave by the Mon Valley Honor Guard and Firing Squad.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

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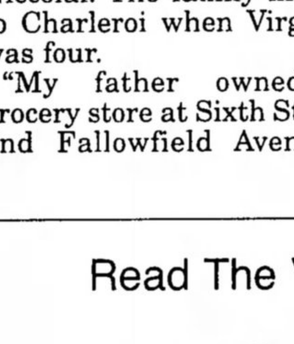
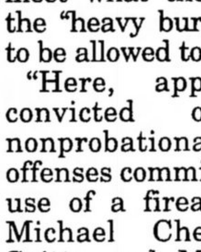
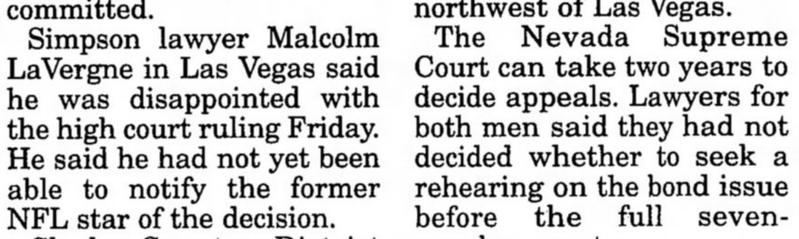
In Memory of
Ferne Marie Taylor
In loving memory of our beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Ferne Marie Taylor, who passed away 3 years ago today, September 5, 2006.
It is lonesome here without you and sad
the weary way for life is not the same to
us since you were called away. Gone from
us that smiling face those carefree happy
ways, the heart that won so many friends
in bygone happy days.
Sadly missed and loved by Cari Lyn, Anthony, Yasmine and Rhys

In Memory of
Stephen Mahalko
A Birthday Tribute today, September 5, 2009 in loving memory of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Stephen Mahalko, who would have been 90 years old and who passed away July 1, 2006.
We're sending birthday wishes in care of Heaven above, for it's the birthday of the precious one we love. There'll be for him no birthday cake or lovely presents given, but our prayers & our love we'll send to him in care of God in Heaven.
Deeply loved and deeply missed by wife Agnes, Steve & Debbie & Kathie & Alex & grandchildren & great grandchildren.


In Memory Of
Marion "Bunny" Pinasko
A Birthday Tribute today, September 5th, in loving memory of our beloved wife, mother & grandmother, **Marion "Bunny" Pinasko,** who would have been 78 years old.
Every day in some way memories of you come our way. Though absent you are always near, still loved, still missed & ever dear. Beautiful memories are wonderful things, they last through the longest day. They never wear out, they never get lost, and can never be given away. Though by some you may be forgotten, and to others a part of the past, but for us who loved and lost you, your memory will always last.
Sadly missed and loved by
Andrew, Margaret & Jon, Glady & Rick, Andria & Dave & grandchildren.


In Memory of
Edna Naylor
In loving memory of our beloved mother, **Edna Naylor,** who passed away 20 years ago, September 6, 1989.
You bade no one a last farewell, you said goodbye to none. Your loving heart had ceased to beat before we knew that you had gone. Your cheerful smile and kindly ways we pleasantly recall, you had kind words for everyone and died beloved by all. We often wonder how she did so much with so little, and we never, ever heard a complaint.
Sadly missed and loved by all her children



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In Memory of
William V. Wilson
In loving memory of our beloved brother and friend, William V. Wilson, who passed away 1 year ago tomorrow, September 6, 2008.
You are not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last we shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place.
Sadly missed and loved by sisters, Carol and Jackie & their families.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 5

Today is Saturday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2009. There are 117 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 5, 1972, Black September terrorists attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

On this date:

■ In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

■ In 1793, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counter-revolutionary activities.

■ In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

■ In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring U.S. neutrality in the conflict.

■ In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald R. Ford.)

■ In 1958, the novel "Doctor Zhivago" by Russian author Boris Pasternak was published in the United States for the first time.

■ In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

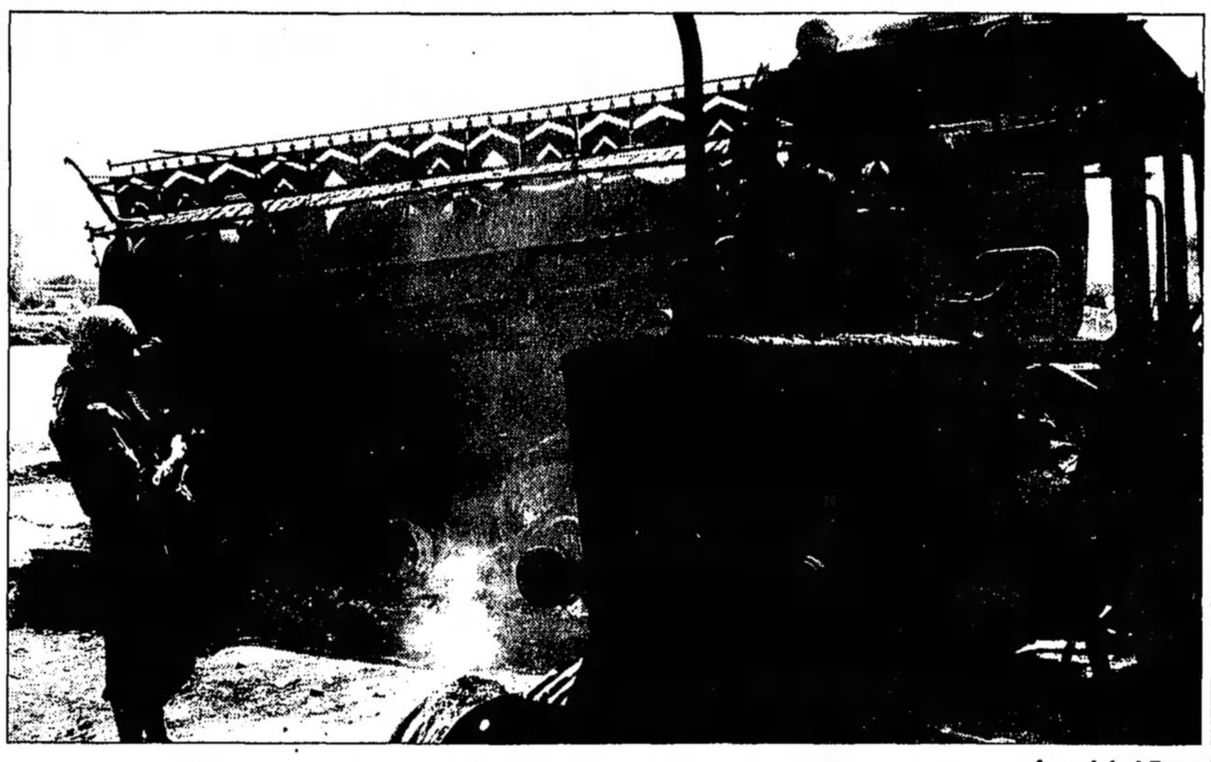
■ In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang. (Schleyer was later killed by his captors.) The U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2.

■ In 1997, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II broke the royal reticence over Princess Diana's death, delivering a televised address in which she called her former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person." Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti died in France at age 84.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of Islamic insurgents launched a new offensive in southern Russia, hours after a bomb smashed a building housing Russian military families; the blast was the first of four apartment building explosions blamed by Russian officials on Chechen rebels that killed a total of about 300 people.

Five years ago: Hurricane Frances struck Florida's central-eastern coast with heavy rain.

One year ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice became the highest-ranking American official in half a century to visit Libya, where she met Moammar Gadhafi. Europe's Rosetta space probe flew by the Steins asteroid 250 million miles from Earth. Publishing giant Robert Giroux, who'd guided and supported dozens of great writers from T.S. Eliot and Jack Kerouac to Bernard Malamud and Susan Sontag, died in Tinton Falls, N.J.,



Associated Press

An Afghan security police officer stands near a burned fuel tanker and tractor in Kunduz, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. NATO jets blasted two fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban, setting off a huge fireball Friday that killed up to 90 people, Afghan officials said.

UN to host post-election summit in Afghanistan

The summit would be the first top-level meeting held in Afghanistan.

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations is planning to host a summit in Afghanistan following the country's disputed elections that will bring the new government and key international players together to promote a new agenda to promote development and democracy in coming years.

Ari Gaitanis, spokesman for the U.N. Peacekeeping Department, said Friday the summit will likely be held next spring in the capital, Kabul.

"We want to see fresh momentum on governance and development once the elections are over, and it's hoped this meeting will contribute to that," he said.

The summit would be the first top-level meeting held in Afghanistan. Gaitanis said details of the conference in Kabul are still being worked out and a list of invitees has not yet been prepared.

In December 2001, a conference in Bonn, Germany established a political process for Afghanistan after U.S. and allied Afghan forces drove out the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden.

In February 2006, the Afghan government and nearly 70 other nations and international bodies met in London and signed the "Afghanistan Compact," a five-year blueprint to promote security, good governance and development after decades of war.

In July 2006, Japan hosted a conference on disbanding armed groups in Afghanistan and in June 2008, France hosted a donors conference in Paris that garnered pledges of more than $21 billion to rebuild the country.

Last month's divisive presidential election was the topic of another meeting in Paris on Wednesday where Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, joined 26 other envoys for talks about international aid and how to deal with the ballot-stuffing charges tarnishing Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who long embodied hopes for the country and its democracy.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said the goal was to unify positions after the election and explore ways to transfer more responsibility for the country's security and development to the Afghans people.

Tensions are running high in Afghanistan following the Aug. 20 presidential election, with Karzai's administration under fire for alleged fraud.

The country's election commission said Wednesday that votes tallied from 60 percent of the polling stations showed Karzai leading with 47.3 percent, followed by ex-Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah with 32.6 percent. Karzai needs to win a majority of the votes to avoid a two-man runoff.

The election has been marred by a low turnout and fraud claims against the Karzai government by Abdullah and others in the 36-candidate field. Abdullah has also accused the election commission of playing a role in "organized fraud." A separate U.N.-backed commission is looking into more than 650 allegations of major fraud.

Iraq sends thousands more police to Syrian border

Relations are strained between Iraq, Syria.

By JASON KEYSER
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq has deployed thousands of reinforcements along its border with Syria to prevent insurgents from crossing the desert frontier, as the government said Friday it has provided Syria with evidence linking Iraqis there to bombings.

Extra police were sent to the border this week on the prime minister's orders in response to the government's assertion that former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party based in Syria planned and financed last month's attacks against the foreign and finance ministries, said Maj. Gen. Tariq Youssef, the police commander in western Iraq.

Iraq is seeking the extradition of two suspects, but Syria has refused, demanding to see proof of their involvement. The dispute has strained relations between the two countries and again put Syria on the defensive over accusations it is not doing enough to stop cross-border attacks.

The Aug. 19 truck bombings outside the government ministries in Baghdad killed about 100 people. Iraq has blamed an alliance between al-Qaida in Iraq and the outlawed Baath Party.

Turkey, which has experience as a regional mediator, has tried to soothe the dispute between the two countries, which have both recalled their ambassadors.

"We have given them the evidence that we have through the Turkish foreign minister and we are waiting for their response," Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said.

Iraq's post-Saddam government has for years sought the handover of former Baath Party officials who fled to Syria after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Iraqi officials say Damascus allows them to live and engage in political activity in Syria.

One of the Iraqis linked to the August bombings is Mohammed Younis al-Ahmed, who was high up in the Baath Party and has been near the top of Iraq's most-wanted list for several years. The other suspect is Satam Farhan.

Iraq's foreign minister gave a U.S. congressional delegation led by Democratic Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan a tour of the shattered ministry building Friday. Crunching over shattered glass, the group walked up to the edge of the water-filled bomb crater in front of the building's shredded front facade.

The American delegation also met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who a day earlier accused Syria of sheltering the bombing suspects.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Photo sparks debate over duty and taste

NEW YORK (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates expressed disappointment Friday at news outlets that used a picture taken and distributed by The Associated Press depicting a U.S. Marine mortally wounded in combat in Afghanistan.

The AP distributed the picture despite personal pleas from Gates and the dead Marine's family in a case that illustrated the difficult decisions in reporting on a conflict where Americans have seen relatively few images of fallen U.S. troops over eight years.

The picture, by AP photographer Julie Jacobson, showed Lance Cpl. Joshua "Bernie" Bernard, 21, lying on the ground with severe leg injuries after being struck by a grenade in an ambush on Aug. 14, his fellow Marines tending to him. Bernard later died of his wounds.

Gates wrote a strongly worded letter to AP President and CEO Tom Curley on Thursday, saying it was a matter of "judgment and common decency" not to use the photo. A Pentagon spokesman said Gates followed up with a phone call "begging" Curley not to use it.

After the photo was published Friday, the Pentagon released its communications with the AP.

Iran accuses U.S. of baseless claims

VIENNA (AP) — Iran accused the U.S. on Friday of using "forged documents" and relying on subterfuge to make its case that Tehran is trying to build a nuclear weapon, according to a confidential letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The eight-page letter — written by Iran's chief envoy to the U.N. nuclear agency in Vienna — denounces Washington's allegations against the Islamic Republic as "fabricated, baseless and false." The letter does not specify what documents Iran is alleging were forged.

It also lashes out at Britain and France for "ill will and political motivation" in their dealings on Iran.

Iranian envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh sent the letter to Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose 35-nation board will take a hard new look at Iran's nuclear program next week.

Iran insists its nuclear activities are peaceful and geared solely toward generating electricity. The U.S. and key allies contend the Islamic Republic is covertly trying to build an atomic bomb.

Critics denounce Venezuela's Chavez

BOGOTA (AP) — Thousands of opponents of Hugo Chavez marched against the Venezuelan president across Latin America on Friday, accusing him of everything from authoritarianism to international meddling.

The protests, coordinated through Twitter and Facebook, drew more than 5,000 people in Bogota, and thousands more in the capitals of Venezuela and Honduras. Smaller demonstrations were held in other Latin American capitals, as well as New York and Madrid.

The Honduras march was led by Roberto Micheletti, who became president when Chavez ally Manuel Zelaya was ousted in a June coup.

"Any politician who tries to stay in power by hitching up with a dictator like Hugo Chavez, he won't achieve it," Micheletti said. "We'll stop him."

Chavez, who was traveling in Syria, ridiculed the protests, likening Micheletti to a gorilla and saying: "Those who want to march, march with 'Goriletti,' the dictators, the extreme right."

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

Lottery officials said 69 players matched four numbers and won $262.50 each; 2,927 players matched three numbers and won $10 each; and 34,329 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	2-6-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	1-9-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-7-4-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-4-3-0
DAY QUINTO:	7-5-6-5-1
NIGHT QUINTO:	1-3-8-8-8
TREASURE HUNT:	04-05-11-13-28
CASH 5:	04-15-18-28-33
SUPER 7:	3-10-14-30-33-36 48-52-57-58-77

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-9-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-8-2
DAY PICK 4:	8-1-1-1
NIGHT PICK 4:	3-2-9-4
ROLLING CASH 5:	06-09-17-26-36

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

DAILY 3:	1-5-6
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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

For the appearance of the swine flu in the Ringgold school district. After months of dire warnings, the flu has struck close to home, although it's mostly limited to sixth graders at Ringgold Middle School. It's more important than ever to heed physicians' warnings about keeping students at home and teaching them precautions to avoid spreading the illness.

For the still-operational traffic signals at the Webster end of the closed Donora-Webster Bridge. On the Donora side, stop signs have long been in place, which is sufficient to move traffic through at an easy pace. On the Webster side, the signals should be switched to flashing yellow for drivers on Route 906 and flashing red for motorists coming from Kline Street. Even better, the lights should be disabled and stop signs should be erected while the bridge remains closed.

For the return of football season. After another year of watching the Pirates lose games in bunches and trade away all their recognizable players, it's great to have the high school, college and NFL gridders back.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Los Angeles Times, on parole and the case of Jaycee Lee Dugard:

The tragic case of Jaycee Lee Dugard, abducted at the age of 11 and allegedly held captive for 18 years in a backyard complex of tents and outbuildings at an Antioch home, has raised a newly relevant question: How could the alleged kidnappers and their victims have hidden in plain sight for so long? And does the apparent failure of parole agents to detect the ongoing crimes show that reforms to the state's parole system are a bad idea?

Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy, who have been charged with 29 counts of kidnapping and rape, were well known to law enforcement officials. ... A parole officer visited the Garridos' home a few times a month but never saw anything suspicious and never went into the backyard. ...

Faced with the necessity of cutting $1.2 billion from the ballooning corrections budget, the Assembly ... approved a bill that would, among other things, change the way California supervises parolees. As has been repeatedly documented in studies by panels and blue ribbon commissions since 1980, this state's parole system is a train wreck of inefficiency that crowds prisons, overwhelms parole officers and produces the nation's worst recidivism rate. The bill would help remedy that situation by reassessing parole status based on the risk an ex-convict poses to the public...

Does that mean dangerous sex offenders like Garrido would be left to their own devices? Hardly. Not only would they still be subject to monitoring, but their parole officers would have more time to focus on them because they wouldn't be overseeing nonviolent drug addicts.

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Pennsylvania has largest legislative staff

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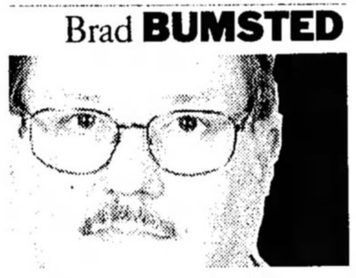

Pennsylvania is the sixth largest state with four percent of the nation's population but we have the largest legislative staff in the nation with 2,919 employees working for the House and Senate.

Why? The state Legislature is one of the most partisan legislatures in the country and because lawmakers — at your expense — have created a perpetual re-election machine with their Harrisburg and district office staff.

Pennsylvania has a larger legislative staff than California, Texas, New York, Florida or Illinois, according to an updated survey from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

There's no sharing, of course, in the Keystone state. All four caucuses, House and Senate Democrats and House and Senate Republicans, have their own empires - from IT to video services, PR, legal and committee staff.

There is no single place you can look up the combined taxpayers' cost of these legislative staffers. Suffice to say it is probably now over $100 million. It was $94 million in 2004, based on Trib calculations of actual payroll records.

Ever wonder who's crunching all those numbers in this state's pitiful budget impasse, now in its third month? The combined salaries of all four caucuses' appropriations staffs are $3.8 million. There are 13 employees making more than $90,000 a year.

Greg Jordan, the Senate Republicans' appropriations director is paid $111,500. The Democrats' executive director, Randy Albright, gets $161,727.

In the House, Miriam Fox, the House Democrats' budget director, is paid $152,035. Ed Nolan, executive director for the House Republican Appropriations Committee staff, tops out at $183,602, according to House records.

The House Democratic and Republican Appropriations Committee each spend about $1.1 million on staff. Salaries for Senate Republican budget staff total $731,000. The Senate Democrats' appropriations staff is paid roughly $830,000, according to payroll records.

It's little wonder Pennsylvania ranked at or near the top nationwide in every category measuring the cost of running legislatures, according to NCSL. It costs taxpayers about $310 million for the nation's largest full-time legislature.

In Pennsylvania, it costs $95.7 million to run the Senate, $180 million to operate the House, $7.8 million for the Legislative Reference Bureau and $26.7 million for various legislative councils and commissions. Even if you factor out the legislative commissions, you're spending about $283 million to run the 253-member General Assembly.

Pennsylvania's legislative staff has grown from 1,430 in 1970.

The vast majority of legislative staffers are highly competent professionals. But any way you slice it, Pennsylvania's numbers seem out of whack to its size.

The so-called Bonusgate probe centers on the use of legislative staffers for campaign-related work. A statewide grand jury alleges that former House Democratic Whip Mike Veon, formerly of Beaver County, oversaw a multi-million dollar re-election scheme at taxpayers' expense. Staffers who worked on Democratic lawmakers' re-election campaigns received hefty bonuses. Eleven others have been charged with theft and conflict of interest. Nine of them, including Veon, say they're innocent.

Overall $3.6 million in bonuses were paid to staffers by all four caucuses in 2004-2005. Most of those payments were "off the books," meaning they were not in public payroll records. That's scandalous on its own.

Most staffers who got bonuses did not work on campaigns or do anything illegal. But even the legal staff work has an unrelenting theme: get the lawmakers who employ you re-elected.

Virtually everyone at the Capitol is waiting to see whether Attorney General Tom Corbett, a Republican likely running for governor, will charge any Republicans for illegal bonuses or other political activity on the state's dime.

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Don't waste this crisis

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

"You never want a serious crisis to go to waste," White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel famously proclaimed soon after Barack Obama was elected. As students and teachers head back to school, they are learning what he meant. The Obama administration is taking advantage of the economic situation to push through some much-needed school reforms it would be almost impossible to achieve under normal circumstances.

A big chunk of the money in the stimulus package is set aside for schools, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan is allocating that money to states and school districts that undertake innovations such as an increase in charter schools and a willingness to weed out poor-performing teachers. How would teacher performance be measured? By student test scores.

This isn't exactly what the teachers' unions had in mind when they enthusiastically endorsed Obama. The unions have been up in arms over the emphasis on testing as a measure of their success in the No Child Left Behind law enacted in the Bush administration. And candidate Obama seemed to agree with their complaints when, at a teachers' gathering during the campaign, he railed against No Child Left Behind: "Don't tell us that the only way to teach a child is to spend too much of the year preparing him to fill in a few bubbles on a standardized test." Now his education secretary says those tests should be used as a way to evaluate teachers.

As a carrot to coax the teachers and their superintendents to comply, Duncan is handing out huge sums of federal money. But states that have, at the unions' behest, passed laws that forbid the use of test scores as a measure of a teacher's effectiveness need not apply. Though we have some sympathy for the notion that classrooms are obsessed with "teaching to the test," education reformers make a convincing case that student test scores are one way to determine whether teachers are doing their jobs. Those reformers seem to have convinced President Obama as well.

Reformers have had a tough time in cities like Washington, D.C., where the hard-charging young chancellor, Michelle Rhee, has failed to convince the union to agree to a contract that would reward high-performing teachers with big bonuses if they agree to give up tenure. Without some teacher accountability, Rhee knows that the city schools will continue to decline, even though Washington spends more money per pupil than most jurisdictions.

In less than 20 years, enrollment in D.C.'s public schools has dropped by more than half, while the number of students who attend the public charter schools, which don't come under the same union rules as the regular public schools, continues to grow. Rhee has delivered on promises to improve the physical facilities of the buildings under her domain, and she launched a big advertising campaign over the summer to sell the "Go public" idea. But this school year begins with fewer kids signed up for the D.C. schools than last year. That's despite the fact that the Obama administration pleased the teachers' union by ending a controversial voucher program that helped students in the Nation's Capital attend private and parochial schools.

The Michelle Rhees and Arne Duncans of the educational world believe that the only way to lure families back into the schools is with good teachers. Duncan's success as head of the Chicago Public Schools, both in attracting high-quality teachers and improving student performance, brought him to national prominence.

Now he's using the clout of his national position and the heft of federal dollars to push other school districts to accept his ideas. After criticizing California for dragging its feet on educational reform, Duncan recently praised Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposals to, among other sweeping changes, require school districts to tie teacher evaluations to test scores. That will involve changing California law. Without that change, Duncan warned the state would not be eligible for $4.6 billion from Washington.

Over the howls of the teachers' unions, Duncan said Schwarzenegger's move was "a very significant step that absolutely has national implications." Democratic state legislators will have to decide whether the money the state would receive matters more than their support from the unions when they cast their votes. But without the carrot of federal largesse, teacher accountability would not even be on the table. It took a serious crisis to cough up the cash for schools. It's up to the states not to waste it.

NEWS

911 caller charged in mobile home deaths

Guy Heinze is accused of killing seven of his relatives.

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — A man who told authorities "My whole family's dead!" in a frantic 911 call was charged Friday with killing the eight people attacked in his family's Georgia mobile home.

Guy Heinze Jr., 22, was arrested Friday on eight counts of first-degree murder in the slayings last weekend at a mobile home park a few miles north of Brunswick. Among those killed were seven of Heinze's relatives.

In the call to emergency dispatchers early Aug. 29, Heinze said he'd come home to find the bodies and that it appeared the victims had been beaten to death. Seven were found dead at the scene, an eighth died at a hospital, and the attack's only survivor remained hospitalized after being critically injured.

Police haven't released causes of death for the victims.

Hours after the bodies were found, Heinze was charged with evidence tampering, lying to police and drug possession. But police didn't say until Friday that they suspected him of the killings.

He had been briefly released on bond related to the lesser charges and arrested again later Friday. He was being held at the county detention center.

"It's my understanding that there was physical and testimonial evidence," said Glynn County police spokeswoman Candice Temple, who declined further comment. Authorities were holding a news conference later Friday night.

The dead included the suspect's father, Guy Heinze Sr., 45; his uncle, Rusty Toler Sr., 44; and his aunt Brenda Gail Falagan, 49. Also slain were Toler Sr.'s four children — Chrissy Toler, 22; Russell D. Toler Jr., 20; Michael Toler, 19; and Michelle Toler, 15.

Chrissy Toler's boyfriend, Joseph L. West, 30, was also killed.

A phone message left for Heinze Jr.'s attorney, Ron Harrison, was not immediately returned.

Clint Rowe, who has been acting as a spokesman for the family, said he learned of the arrests while at a public visitation for the victims, saying it was "definitely a surprise."

"I'm floored right now," Rowe, who is an uncle to the Toler children, said from the funeral home. "But right now it's just an arrest. We have to see where this thing takes us so I'm going to keep my mouth shut until the Glynn County Police Department informs us of more."

The manager of the New Hope Plantation mobile home park where the slayings occurred said the arrest still leaves a lot of questions unanswered.

"I'm feeling just like everyone else is right now, we're all shocked," said Gail Montgomery. "We don't know what any of the circumstances are. We don't know if there was more than one or if it was him by himself."

Associated Press

Stephanie Deloach, of Howard-Jones-Nobles funeral home in Jesup, Ga., arranges the flowers on the casket of 15-year-old Michelle Toler, who was slain with her family at a mobile home park in Brunswick, Ga. last Saturday. While grieving a family slain in a Georgia mobile home, relatives of the victims have been grappling with another problem – how to pay for so many funerals at once.

Two men held for trial in kidnapping, killing

Timothy Brunner and Kristopher Benjamin are accused of killing Amy Kucsmas.

By BOBBY KERLIK
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PITTSBURGH – The final hours of Amy Kucsmas' life were filled with beatings and interrogations before two men killed her, wrapped her body in a long carpet and dumped it in some woods near a Wilkinsburg park, a witness testified in court Friday.

After hearing the testimony in Pittsburgh Municipal Court, a district judge ordered Timothy Brunner, 27, and Kristopher "Casper" Benjamin, 30, to stand trial for the kidnapping and July 12 killing of Kucsman, 36, of Mt. Oliver.

"They said she couldn't leave. She was beat up too bad. There was a possibility her ribs might be broken," said Ceira Brown, 18, Brunner's ex-girlfriend.

"Tim walked up behind her and wrapped his arm around her neck. (Benjamin) walked towards her. I didn't see what happened next because I was under the covers. I heard a struggle. I saw Amy laying on the bathroom floor."

Benjamin's attorney, Richard Narvin, said his client had no intention of being involved in a killing.

"He was there to help a friend in a misguided way," Narvin said.

Brunner's attorney, Bill Brennan, declined comment.

Brown recounted how she and the two men were driving in a pickup truck earlier in the day when they saw Kucsmas standing on Brownsville Road. Brunner jumped out and accused Kucsmas, who had previously stayed at his apartment, of stealing $200 and his driver's license.

Kucsmas denied it but Brunner emptied her purse and found his license. The men then forced her into the truck and drove back to their apartment in Mt. Oliver, she said.

"They sat on the couch and asked her questions about the money," Brown testified. "They were yelling at her. I went in the next room and I heard Amy getting hit. She was saying, 'Why are you doing this? I'll get your money. Ouch. Please stop.'"

The men also allowed Kucsmas to call her 18-year-old daughter to "say goodbye." The daughter told police that her mother told her, "I'm going to die tonight," according to police.

The men then ordered Kucsmas to take a shower because she had soiled herself. When she walked out of the shower naked, Brunner and Benjamin grabbed her and killed her, the witness testified.

Police said the men dumped the body in Hunter's Park in Wilkinsburg. After public works employees found the body, police checked missing person records — Kucsmas' daughter reported her missing July 13 — and identified Kucsmas through a tattoo and dental records.

Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to vote on provisional bishop

The Right Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr. will be considered for the post.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh wants to name a provisional bishop, the next step in remaking itself after a split last year, officials said.

The church will vote on appointing the Right Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr., an assisting bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, at its convention Oct. 17.

"It's the next logical step in the path that we're on," said the Rev. James Simons, president of the diocese's Standing Committee, which recommended the appointment.

If approved by the church, Price would assume full ecclesiastical authority and responsibility as chief pastor and overseer of diocesan administration and finances for 9,833 Pittsburgh area Episcopalians for the next two years or until a permanent bishop is found, Simons said.

"It's an opportunity to move beyond the split and rebuild the diocese," Price said from his office in Columbus. He would replace assisting Bishop Robert Johnson, who shared some ecclesiastical duties with the Standing Committee.

Johnson was appointed last year after a group of about four dozen parishes led by then-Bishop Robert Duncan broke from the national church and realigned with more theologically conservative churches in South America.

Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, recognized the remaining 19 parishes as the legitimate Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. The diocese now includes 28 parishes.

"Even though it has worked sufficiently for us in our first year of rebuilding, we will be better served by moving beyond leadership by committee," Simons wrote in a letter to the diocese announcing Price's nomination.

A Steelers and Penguins fan, Price said he has no interest in a permanent job as bishop.

"I'm here for this step," he said.

Born in Charleston, W.Va., Price was ordained a deacon and priest in the Diocese of West Virginia in 1968, serving in parishes in Barboursville, Parkersburg and Wheeling. He was a chaplain at Marshall University.

From January 2006 through April 2007, he led the Southern Ohio diocese after its bishop's retirement until the election of a successor. He has been an assisting bishop there since 1994.

He holds a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, a master's degree in counseling from Marshall and master's and doctorate of divinity degrees from the General Theological Seminary.

Mental patient accused of threatening to kill judge

Judge William Morgan had sentenced Cathy Cooley to up to two years in prison.

By JENNIFER REEGER
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A patient at Torrance State Hospital in Westmoreland County is accused of threatening to kill a judge who had sentenced her for an assault four years ago, state police said.

Cathy Cooley, 37, is accused of sending threatening letters to Common Pleas Court Judge William Morgan, who presides in cases in Warren and Forrest counties.

Morgan sentenced Cooley to up to two years in prison in 2005 for an assault charge, police said.

Cooley is accused of sending a letter to Morgan's office , between Aug. 17 and 21, that said, "I will kill you with my bare hands," police allege.

"I am going to chop up your so called brain and chop up your body smaller than anyone will be able to identify," she allegedly wrote. "I do know where you work and live."

Cooley, of North Warren, admitted writing the letter and mailing it to Morgan, police said.

Cooley is in the Derry Township mental hospital because of previous threatening letters she wrote to Morgan in 2008, police said. She was sent to Torrance as part of a plea bargain in that case.

Charges of retaliation against a prosecutor or judicial official, terroristic threats and harassment have been filed against Cooley with Derry Township District Judge Mark Bilk. A preliminary hearing date has not yet been set.

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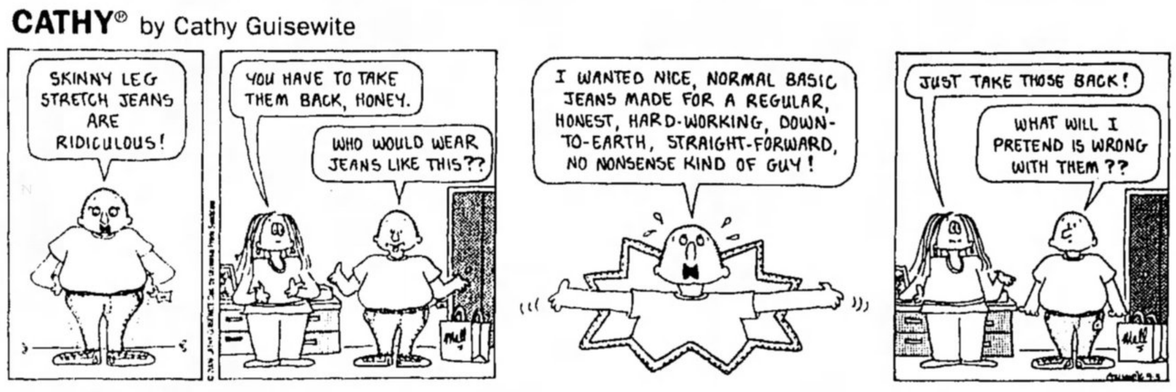
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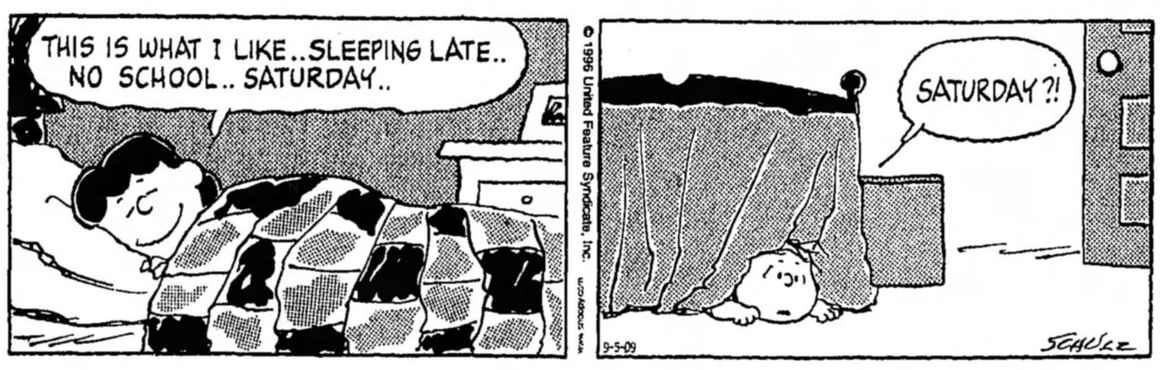

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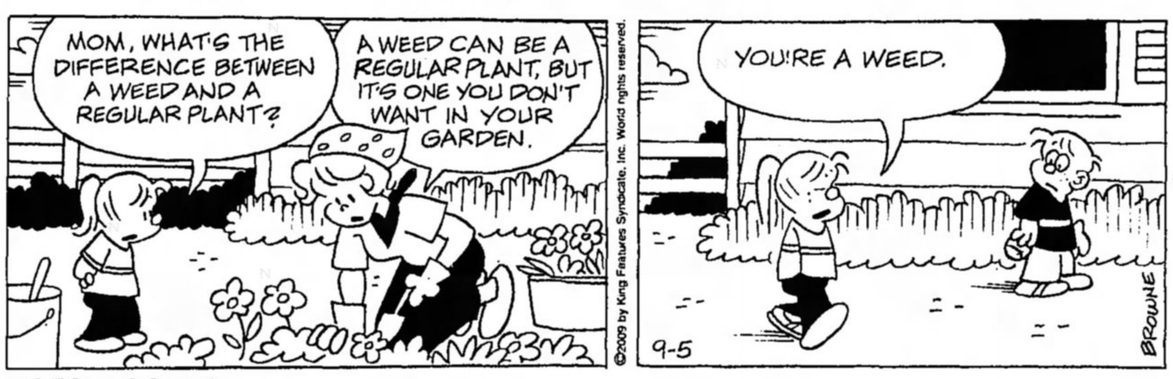
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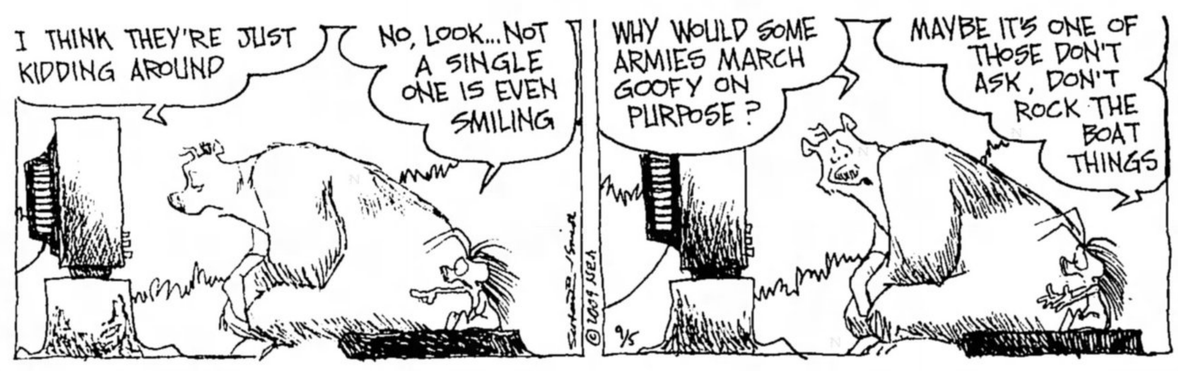
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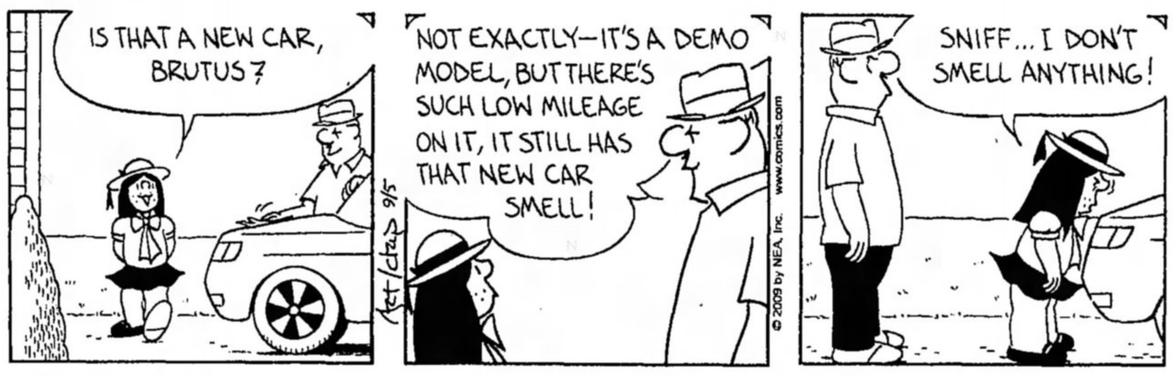
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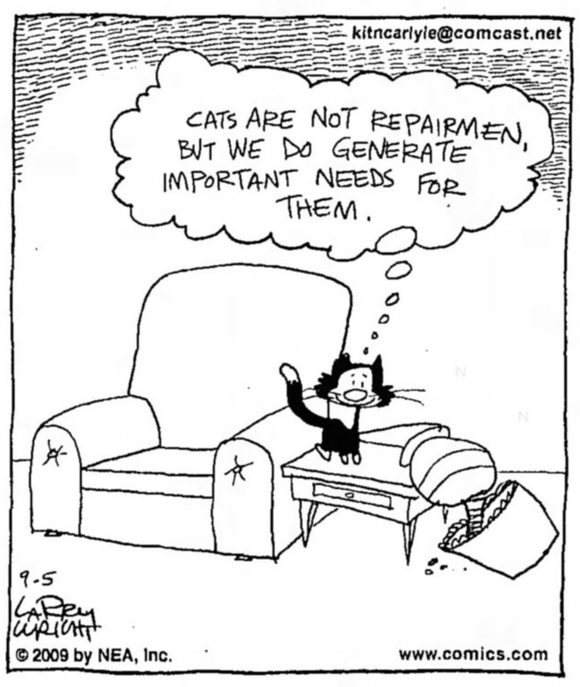
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62 Youngster

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1 More than most
2 Deadlocked
3 Five-star name
4 Lady's title
5 Campers, for short
6 Sore
7 Cave
8 Do yard work
9 Goddess's statue
10 Pup's pop
11 Kind of caterpillar
17 Frat letter
19 Get on the plane
23 Large vase
24 Jeannie portrayer
25 Brood
26 Leafy vegetable
27 John, in Russia
30 Eyebrow shapes
31 Outing
32 Jean Auel heroine
34 Tackles' neighbors
35 Diner freebie
37 Floating leaf
39 Totally botched
40 Concert bonus
43 Decide on
44 Cruise in style
45 Kind of school
46 Wealthy, in Madrid
47 Fiend
50 Implore
51 Polio vaccine inventor
53 Croon
54 Tiny
56 You don't say!

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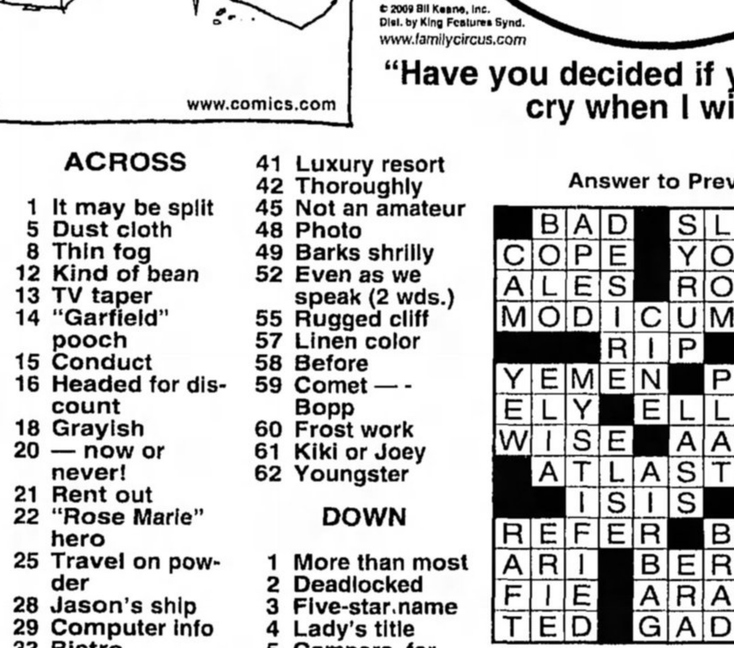

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TV LISTINGS

Parents can't grin and bear daughter's third marriage

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Libby," is about to be married. It's her third trip to the altar, and her stepfather and I are not in favor of the marriage. After her first marriage — to a wonderful man — she had an affair with a married man who became husband No. 2. Within five years, she began another affair with a married neighbor. They are both now divorced and plan to be married later this year in a big church wedding.

My husband and I do not want to attend, but Libby has threatened to prevent us from seeing the grandkids if we don't accept husband No. 3 into our family.

How should we handle this? Should we go to the wedding even though we're adamantly opposed to it? It's obvious to us that our daughter needs professional help, which she seeks only when she begins a new affair. But we can't seem to impress upon her the importance of taking some time off before remarrying for the wrong reasons. — **MOTHER OF THE BRIDE — AGAIN**

DEAR M.O.B.: If only for the sake of your grandchildren, you should attend the wedding and make No. 3 as welcome as you can for as long as he lasts — which, with your daughter's track record, isn't likely to be long.

She appears to be emotionally unstable. The children need a constant in their lives, so put aside your disapproval and provide them with as much emotional support as you can. You can't "fix" your daughter — only she can do that — but you can be there for the grandkids, and that's what I recommend you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am 15, and I have been helping my older sister watch her two kids since her boyfriend left her five months ago. She has been paying me $20 a week to watch them six hours a day while she works. I was fine with this arrangement until recently, when she began relying on me completely for baby-sitting. Now she expects me to watch them every time she goes shopping or out with her current boyfriend.

She has begun spending the night at his house and not calling to let me know I need to take care of the kids when they wake up. I know something needs to change. Am I being selfish, or should I confront her? Please help me. — **TEEN SITTER IN ABILENE**

DEAR TEEN SITTER: By all means talk to her. It will be a good experience in learning to stand up for yourself — a lesson you had better learn quickly, because from where I sit it appears your sister is taking advantage of you.

Responsible child supervision costs a lot more than $20 a week, and you should not have to wonder when your sister leaves for work whether you'll see her again before the next day. What she is doing is palming off her responsibility as a parent onto you.

You were sweet to help her in the first place, but it's time to draw the line. To do that isn't being selfish; it's being smart.

DEAR ABBY: I have two granddaughters. The older one is 11, and the younger one is 18 months. I know that when the time comes for sweet 16, graduations and, most of all, weddings, I won't be here to celebrate with them. I would give anything to be able to leave them something that would let them know they were always in my heart and mind. Have you anything special to recommend? — **ALWAYS IN MY HEART**

DEAR ALWAYS: Being able to see you and hear your voice would be a wonderful gift. How about having videos made to be given to your granddaughters when they are 16, about to graduate and planning to be married? I'm sure you would have different thoughts to convey to them as they reach each of these significant milestones in their lives.

If that would be too costly, then write letters to be given to them on those occasions. And if you have the means, include a keepsake gift — perhaps a piece of jewelry that belonged to you.

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SATURDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News (N) 7 News (N) 10 WTAJ News at 6 (N)	CBS Evening News	2 News 7 Ent. Tonight 10 Inside Edition	2 The Insider 10 Two and a Half Men Charlie and Alan pretend to be gay.	Ghost Whisperer "Bad Blood" Melinda finds something suspicious about a house Delia's friend purchased.		48 Hours Mystery "Invitation to a Murder" A man is hailed as a hero for trying to stop his wife's murder.		48 Hours Mystery "The Guessing Game" A football coach's pregnant wife is murdered.		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	2 (:35) Steelers Trivia Challenge 7 CSI: NY 10 (:35) At the Movies	2 10 (12:05) CSI: NY "Risk"	7 CSI: Miami A group of video gamers start to play their game for real.	2 (:05) CSI: Miami "Shattered" 10 (:05) Cold Case "Static"	7 Cold Case "Static"	2 (:05) Cold Case "The Key" 10 (:05) Without a Trace "Patient X"	7 Inside Edition Weekend
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	(3:30) College Football Teams TBA. (Live)		4 Channel 4 Action News (N) 23 Jeopardy!	4 Inside Edition 23 Wheel-Fortune	College Football Alabama vs. Virginia Tech. From Atlanta. (Live)							4 Ch. 4 News 23 News	4 (12:05) Monk 23 (12:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		4 (:05) Access Hollywood (N) 23 (:05) Legend of the Seeker "Conversion"		4 Movies 23 Housewives	4 (:35) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	(3:30) College Football Nevada at Notre Dame. (Live)		6 WJAC-TV News (N) 9 News (N) 11 Jerome Bettis Show	6 Judge Judy 9 Cash Explosion 11 Jeopardy!	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Salome in Manhattan" A celebrity chef's tabloid-friendly girlfriend dies.		Law & Order "All New" A firefighter and his wife are found tortured and murdered in their new home.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Selfish" A 2-year-old girl goes missing.		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	6 9 (:29) Saturday Night Live Anne Hathaway; the Killers. 11 Saturday Night Live Anne Hathaway; the Killers.			6 9 (:03) Star Trek 11 (:04) Jerome Bettis Show	11 (:33) NASCAR Angels	6 (:03) Missing (N) 9 (:03) Lost 11 (:01) Da Vinci's Inquest	6 (:33) Storm Stories Extreme weather.
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	(4:00) MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.		8 Paid Program 53 Friends	8 Paid Program 53 Seinfeld "The Shoes"	Cops Police pursue an armed carjacker.	Cops "Police Pullovers No. 5" Drug possession. (PA)	Cops High-speed chase. (PA)	Cops Officers arrange a drug sting. (PA)	8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 Everybody-Raymond 53 Paid Prog.	MADtv "Best of MADtv No. 3: Michael McDonald" Honoring show alum Michael McDonald.		Talkshow With Spike Feresten	8 Chappelle's Show 53 Paid Program	8 Seinfeld 53 Sex and the City	8 The Insider 53 Sex and the City Threesomes.	8 Paid Program 53 Foreclosure Profits	8 Paid Prog. 53 RightSide With Armstrong
13 WQED	Antiques Roadshow "Tucson, Arizona"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Thank You Very Much."		Keeping Up Appearances	Are You Being Served?	As Time Goes By	Yes, Prime Minister	The Red Green Show	Excellent Adventures	Austin City Limits "Foo Fighters"		Members' Favorite					
19 WPCW	CW Preview	NFL Preseason Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Taped)							10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	Legend of the Seeker "Hartland"	The King of Queens	★★ "Kung Pow: Enter the Fist" (2002) Steve Oedekerk, Lung Fai. A martial artist battles his evil arch-nemesis.				
22 WPMY	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★★ "The Commitments" (1991) Robert Arkins.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	It's Alive! Join your house.				One on One	Paid Prog.
40 WPCB	Something Fresh		Influence	Jewish Voice	Jesus God	The Drive TV	Jimmy Gentry		Van Impe	Quick Study	Wisdom	ATF.tv	Greater Works Outreach		Theater	Rochouse	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
59 WBGN	UFC Wired		American Idol Rewind		Dead Like Me "Last Call"		Stargate Atlantis		It's Alive!				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"		CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		CSI: Miami "Vengeance"		CSI: Miami "Whacked"		CSI: Miami "10-7"		The Sopranos "D-Girl"		CSI: Miami "Vengeance"		CSI: Miami "Whacked"		CSI: Miami "10-7"	
ABCFAM	"My Big Fat"		★★★★ "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker.								★★ "Snow Dogs" (2002) Cuba Gooding Jr., Sisqó.				Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:00) ★★★★ "Aliens" (1986) Sigourney Weaver.				★ "End of Days" (1999, Horror) Arnold Schwarzenegger. Premiere.						(:45) ★★ "Commando" (1985) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			(:45) ★ "End of Days" (1999) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne.				
ANPL	Underdog to Wonderdog		Wild Kingdom		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog		Dogs 101		Me or Dog	Me or Dog	It's Me or the Dog		Wild Kingdom	
BBC	Top Gear		Torchwood "Day One"		★★ "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974, Action) Roger Moore. Premiere.						★★ "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) Roger Moore, Christopher Lee.						Beatles-Secrets	
BET	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	The Game	Frankie	Frankie	Played-Fame	Played-Fame	Played-Fame	Played-Fame
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. Premiere.						★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.						Flipping Out	
CMT	(5:15) ★★ "Caddyshack" (1980)			Jacked Up	Videos	Jacked Up	★★ "In the Army Now" (1994) Pauly Shore, Andy Dick.				Videos	Jacked Up	(12:15) "Road House 2" (2006) Johnathon Schaech.				Jacked Up	CMT Music
CNBC	Net Millions	P90X: Proof	The Oprah Effect		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show		Porn: Business of Pleasure		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show		Porn: Business of Pleasure		Paid Prog.	Baby Read
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom	
COM	"40 Days and 40 Nights"		★★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002)				★ "National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj"				"Van Wilder: Freshman Year" (2009) Jonathan Bennett.				Dane Cook ISo.		Dave Chappelle: Killin	
CSPAN	President	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	"Legally Blondes" (2009) Milly Rosso.			(:40) ★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan.					Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Christina Aguilera: THS		Kourtney	Kourtney	★★ "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore.				Kendra		The Soup	Chelsea	Soup	Soup	Miley Cyrus		The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	Football	Scoreboard	College Football BYU vs. Oklahoma. (Live)						Scoreboard	College Football LSU at Washington. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		Foot Final
ESPNC	Boxing		College Basketball		Soccer: United States vs. El Salvador				Boxing		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	Football	Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Degree V12 300. (Live)						College Football Maryland at California. (Live)						Scoreboard	Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter
EWTN	Worth Living	Virtue	Mother Angelica-Classic		"Karol: The Pope, the Man" (2006)			Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		Mother Theresa: The Leg	
FNC	America's News HQ		FOX Report		Huckabee		Special Programming		Geraldo at Large		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	News Watch	Red Eye		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee	
FOOD	Best Thing	Boitano	Paula's Party		Challenge Burger recipe.		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America	
FSN	College Football		College Football Bloomsburg at California (Pa.). (Live)							Final Score	Countdown	Final Score	World Poker		Final Score	Pirates	SportsBeat	SportsBeat
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Click" (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				★ "Wild Hogs" (2007, Comedy) Tim Allen, John Travolta.					★★ "Perfect Stranger" (2007) Halle Berry, Bruce Willis.				Sons of Anarchy		Sons of Anarchy		Paid Prog.
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Wal-Mart First Tee Open			PGA Tour Golf Deutsche Bank Championship -- Second Round.							LPGA Tour Golf CN Canadian Women's Open -- Third Round.					Golf Central	PGA Golf
GSN	1 vs. 100		Deal or No Deal		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		1 vs. 100	
HALL	"Love's Unfolding Dream"		"Love Takes Wing" (2009) Cloris Leachman.				"Love Finds a Home" (2009, Drama) Patty Duke.				"Love Comes Softly" (2003) Katherine Heigl.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	To Sell	Income Prop.	For Rent	House	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	Rate	Pure Design	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House
HIST	Nostradamus		Modern Marvels		Decoding the Past		Siberian Apocalypse		The Next Nostradamus				Decoding the Past		Siberian Apocalypse		The Next Nostradamus	
LIFE	"My Baby Is Missing"		"Cradle of Lies" (2006) Shannon Sturges.				"Hush" (2005) Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt.				Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva "Crazy"		Frasier	Frasier	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	Lockup: Raw "Time to Kill"		Lockup: Raw		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup "Inside Holman"		Lockup: Raw	
MTV	Pranked	Pranked	Fantasy	Fantasy	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. Premiere.						Fantasy	Nitro Circus	★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves.			
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly		iCarly	iCarly	Malcolm	Malcolm	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
OXY	★★ "Flashdance" (1983) Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri.				★★★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John.					★★ "Grease 2" (1982) Maxwell Caulfield.				★★ "Flashdance" (1983) Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri.				Snapped
PCN	Gettysburg Battlefield Walk		(:10) Gettysburg Battlefield Walk "The 157th New York"				High School Football Selingsgrove at Mount Carmel.				High School Football Liberty-Bethlehem vs. North Penn-Lansdale. (Live)						Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	PCNC News		PCNC News		NAACP Dinner		PCNC News		Best of Pittsburgh Now		PCNC News	PCNC News	Paid Prog.	PCNC News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PCNC News
SCIFI	(4:30) ★★ "King Arthur"		"Riverworld" (2003) Brad Johnson, Emily Lloyd.				"Merlin and the War of the Dragons" (2008) Premiere.				"Dragonquest" (2009) Marc Singer, Brian Thompson.				"Merlin's Apprentice" (2006) Sam Neill, John Reardon.			
SPIKE	"Rambo Part II"		Band of Brothers			Band of Brothers		Band of Brothers			Surviving Disaster "Hijack"		★★ "Basic" (2003) John Travolta, Connie Nielsen.				Disorderly Conduct: Video	
TBS	(5:00) ★★ "Bewitched"		★★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	★★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	★★ "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996) Shelley Long.			
TCM	(:15) ★★★ "Support Your Local Sheriff!" (1969)				★★★ "The Guns of Navarone" (1961, War) Gregory Peck, David Niven.						★★★ "I Aim at the Stars" (1960) Curt Jurgens.				★★★ "Taras Bulba" (1962) Tony Curtis, Yul Brynner.			
TLC	Truth Be Told		Truth Be Told		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Ultimate Cake Off "Pirates"		Moving Up (N)		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Ultimate Cake Off "Pirates"		Moving Up		Truth Be Told	
TNT	★ "Twisted" (2004, Suspense) Ashley Judd.				★★★ "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.				★★ "Trapped" (2002) Charlize Theron.				★ "The Haunting" (1999) Liam Neeson, Catherine Zeta-Jones.					Disclosure
TOON	★★ "Hoodwinked!" (2005) Voices of Anne Hathaway.				★★ "Open Season" (2006) Voices of Martin Lawrence.				King of Hill	King of Hill	The PJs	Boondocks	"Bleach: Memories of Nobody" (2006) Premiere.				Code Geass	Alchemist
TRAVEL	(5:00) World Poker Tour		Zimmern's Bizarre World		★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)				Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)				Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Speeders	Speeders	Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Daring		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice		Power, Privilege & Justice		Power, Privilege & Justice	
TVLAND	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	House		House "Half-Wit"		House "Guardian Angels"		House "House's Head"		House "Wilson's Heart"		House		Psych "He Dead"		Law & Order: SVU		WWE A.M. Raw (N)	
VH1	I Love the New Millennium		I Love the New Millennium		I Love the New Millennium		Tool Academy			My Antonio Workout.		TO Show	VH1 Special		Fabulous Life Of...		Fabulous Life Of...	
VS.	WEC WrekCage		Sports	Sports	Bull Riding PBR World Cup. From Barretos, Brazil.				Bull Riding: PBR		Bull Riding PBR World Cup. From Barretos, Brazil.				Bull Riding: PBR		Sports	Sports
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	★★★ "Kate & Leopold" (2001) Meg Ryan.			
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Boston Legal "The Verdict"		★★ "The Brothers Grimm" (2005) Matt Damon.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bullwinkle	★★ "King Kong" (1976, Fantasy) Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange.				
ENC	America	(:20) ★★ "Weird Science" (1985)			★★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000)				(9:50) ★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) Joe Pesci.				(11:50) ★★ "Broken Arrow" (1996)			(:45) ★★ "Surviving the Game" (1994)		
HBO	(:15) ★★ "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson.				★★ "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008) Queen Latifah.				Mayweather	True Blood "Frenzy"		Hard Knocks		★★ "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008) Queen Latifah.				Mayweather
MAX	(:15) ★★ "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.				★★ "Get Smart" (2008, Comedy) Steve Carell.				★★★ "Changeling" (2008, Drama) Angelina Jolie. Premiere.					(:25) Lingerie	Sex Games	Sex Games	★★ "Swordfish" (2001)	
SHOW	★★ "The Nanny Diaries" (2007) Scarlett Johansson.				Dexter	Weeds (iTV)	★★ "The Eye" (2008) Jessica Alba.			(:45) ★ "Awake" (2007, Suspense) iTV.			(12:15) ★ "Good Luck Chuck" (2007) Dane Cook. iTV.				Kevin Nealon		
STARZ	(5:30) ★★★★ "WALL-E"		(:15) ★★ "Righteous Kill" (2008) Robert De Niro.				★★ "Quarantine" (2008) Premiere.			★★ "30 Days of Night" (2007) Josh Hartnett.				★★ "Made of Honor" (2008)			"Nick and Norah"	

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RELIGION

Pennsylvania, two other states still ban religious clothing for teachers

That such laws still exist comes as a surprise to many.

By WILLIAM McCALL
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — A law backed by the Ku Klux Klan nearly a century ago to keep Catholics out of public schools is still on the books in Oregon - one of the last states in the nation to prohibit teachers from wearing religious clothing in classrooms.

Both Pennsylvania and Nebraska have similar laws, which try to balance the constitutional conflict between protecting students from the establishment of religion in schools and the rights of teachers to express their beliefs through their dress.

Oregon's law, originally aimed at priest collars and nun habits, survived a legal challenge in the 1980s by a Sikh convert who wanted to wear her turban in the classroom and was recently upheld by the state's Legislature.

A Muslim teacher in Pennsylvania lost a similar challenge in 1991 to that state's even older law for the right to wear a headscarf at school. So far, it has not posed any serious legal issues in Nebraska.

That such a law still exists was a surprise for many Oregonians who learned about it when Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed the Oregon Workplace Religious Freedom Act in July, allowing workers to wear religious clothing on the job.

But the did law did not change the ban for teachers enacted in the 1920s, after that portion was opposed by the Oregon chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union on the grounds that impressionable children should not feel indoctrinated by their teachers.

The laws' existence also surprised Mona Elgindy, a law student at Loyola University in Chicago who wrote a paper on the issue. She is a Muslim and a former teacher.

"I kept doing research and research, and thought I must be finding something that's overruling this, or repealing the law, and there was nothing," Elgindy said.

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Loyola University law student Mona Elgindy, shown here in the law library of the Chicago school, has written one of the few studies on religious clothing laws in recent years.

In her paper, one of the few studies on religious clothing laws in recent years, Elgindy noted she could find no evidence that the laws statutes have ever been invoked by students. Rather, the recent legal history has been created by teachers trying to keep their jobs after administrators confronted them.

Court rulings in both Oregon and federal court in Pennsylvania rejected the claims by teachers and pointed out conflicts with the First Amendment: Teachers have a constitutional right to freedom of religion, but school districts must avoid supporting any religion.

Michael Kaufman, one of Elgindy's professors and an education law expert, said laws banning religious clothing used to be fairly common. But there has been a gradual shift away from them to protect teachers' religious freedom as long as it does not disrupt the classroom.

"It's now sort of gone full circle," Kaufman said. "The law now requires neutrality regarding religion, meaning the states or schools can neither favor nor disfavor religion."

The few remaining bans "are really suspect constitutionally now," he said.

During her eight years as a teacher in the Chicago area, Elgindy says she never ran into a conflict over her style of dress and covering her hair.

"It never was something that seemed to be in the way of my being a teacher," she said, adding it was often the opposite reaction. "They said, 'Here's somebody of a different background who can bring diversity to the staff.' It was always seen as positive thing."

An example of a shift in court attitude may have been signaled when the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously in 1999 that Muslim police officers in Newark, N.J., must be allowed to wear beards.

Tom Hutton, senior staff attorney for the National School Boards Association, said he did not know of any significant pending cases that might test the bans.

"My own personal view is it would be more of an uphill battle to defend a religious garb statute than attack it," Hutton said.

Oregon House Speaker Dave Hunt wanted to include teachers in the new workplace law. But it was opposed by the ACLU during a legislative session dominated by the recession and one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation.

Dave Fidanque, ACLU executive director for Oregon, said the law helps ensure religious neutrality in public schools even though times have changed. "It's not an easy issue," he said.

Schools have been battlegrounds because "those who feel very strongly that their particular brand of religion is best feel the need to have their religion endorsed by public schools to attract more followers to their beliefs," Fidanque said.

The battle has not changed much since the 19th century when Pennsylvania voters passed a law in 1895 aimed at preventing nuns from wearing religious clothing in schools, said Stuart Knade, attorney for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

The effort to ensure religious neutrality in schools came from parents who had the strongest religious beliefs, "so there's an interesting irony there," Knade said.

Rajdeep Singh Jolly, legal director for the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, both say the laws are not only unconstitutional, but discriminatory because their enforcement now tends to fall on minorities.

The Sikh group has asked the U.S. Justice Department to investigate whether the Oregon law violates Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act, and received a letter this week saying the department would give it "careful consideration."

Jolly and Hooper say the best way to deal with any problem involving religion in classrooms is to discipline teachers if they try to proselytize students or advocate favoring a particular religion, not for the way they dress.

"I think it's perfectly reasonable to expect that teachers will not talk about their religion in the classroom," Jolly said.

But when it comes to a Sikh turban or other clothing, he asked: "Why should I have to surrender something that is such an integral part of my life in order to pursue a career? It just doesn't make sense."

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Guest preacher due in Roscoe

Patricia Cook, Washington Presbytery commissioned lay pastor, will preach and lead the final 10:30 a.m. informal summer worship service Sunday at the Roscoe Presbyterian Church.

Following the service there will be an "end of summer coffee hour" in the manse, hosted by Virginia Downes, Hope Lundy, Barbara Rankin and Arlene Shipley.

Family Day set in Connellsville

Highland Baptist Church, 136 Eighth St., Connellsville, will have its annual Family Day and Friends Day 3 p.m. Sunday.

Guest speaker will be Elder Richard Bass, of the Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, Monongahela.

Dinner will be served from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

'Kick off Sunday' listed in Donora

St. John Church in Donora will hold a "Kick off Sunday" Sept. 13. The event will begin with a pot luck lunch following the 9:30 a.m. service. A ten-game grocery bingo will follow the lunch.

The children's Sunday school program will begin 9:30 a.m. Sept. 13.

A mid-week Bible study will begin 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the parish hall.

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue. The shawls are crocheted or knitted for individuals who are recovering from illness or the elderly.

For information on these events, call (724) 379-8871.

Church to honor law enforcement

Covenant Christian Church, First and Main streets, Belle Vernon, will host a special service Sept. 13 honoring law enforcement officers during the 10:15 a.m. celebration gathering.

Trooper Scott Cooper

The service is designed to remind all those people in law enforcement that they are included in the church's daily prayers for safety and divine protection as they protect and serve the citizens of the area.

Special guest will be state Trooper Scott Cooper.

For additional information, call (724) 929-9373.

Joy Fellowship plans retreat

The annual Mary and Martha Joy Fellowship/Come Together in Jesus' Name Retreat will be held Sept. 25, 26 and 27 at camp Sonrise Mountain in Markleysburg. Cost for the weekend is $79. Cost for those coming Saturday only will be $27, which includes three meals.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Sue Willis, of South Hills Assembly of God. She is founder of "Touching the Hem of His Garment Ministries," which is a teaching and healing ministry focusing on physical, spiritual and emotional wholeness in Jesus Christ.

Make checks payable to "Come Together in Jesus' Name" and mail to Virgie Vidil, 9911 Walker Road, Elizabeth. Reservations are necessary and will be validated with full payment or a deposit of at least $45. The balance due and any cancellations must be received by Sept. 21. Reservations cannot be held beyond this date without full payment.

For information, call Virgie at (412) 384-4882.

Charleroi church lists new schedule

Fall and winter worship services for Christ Lutheran Church, Charleroi, will be held as follows: Worship services begin at 11 a.m. each Sunday with Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m. beginning Sept. 20. Breakfast and Rally Day will be held 9:30 a.m. Sept. 13. Breakfast is held the second Sunday of each month at 10 a.m.

Bishop Brandt to visit Yukon

Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, of the Diocese of Greensburg, will celebrate Mass on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Seven Dolors in Yukon 4:30 p.m. Sept. 12.

The parish will have special music under the direction of Deb Theis, with Fontaine Gansor as organist. The fourth Color Guard of the Catholic Knights of Columbus will also be present for the event. The Rev. Emil S. Payer, pastor, will concelebrate the Mass with Brandt.

A dinner banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the Slovenian Hall in Yukon.

For information, call (724) 722-3141.

Guest preacher due in Donora

St. Paul Baptist Church, 49 South McKean Ave., Donora, will welcome the Rev. Robert Spence as its guest preacher Sunday.

Spence has pastored at AME churches for the past 20 years. He last pastored at the former Quinn Chapel AME Church in Donora. Spence currently has an itinerate outreach ministry and he has devoted part of his ministry to working with mental health needs.

He is married and has five children and resides in Brownsville.

Spence will serve Holy Communion during the service.

For transportation, call (724) 328-7905.

Ohio lawyer: Teacher improperly sued him

By The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A science teacher accused of burning a cross on a student's arm improperly sued a school board's lawyer as a way to disrupt the educator's firing, a court document alleged.

In a federal court document, Cleveland attorney David Millstone said he should be removed from the lawsuit filed in June by eighth-grade teacher John Freshwater against Mount Vernon City Schools.

Millstone said he was included in the lawsuit to pressure the school board to settle their attempt to fire Freshwater.

The Mount Vernon school board fired Freshwater last year, citing an internal investigation that found he had preached his Christian beliefs in class.

He was accused of using a scientific device to burn a cross onto a student's arm and of keeping a Bible on his desk.

Freshwater argued that other teachers were permitted to keep Bibles on their desks.

The teacher also denied that he ever branded or burned anyone.

A June 9 letter sent by Freshwater's attorney to Mount Vernon attempting to settle the lawsuit contained a "veiled threat" to force Millstone out of representing the school board, the filing said.

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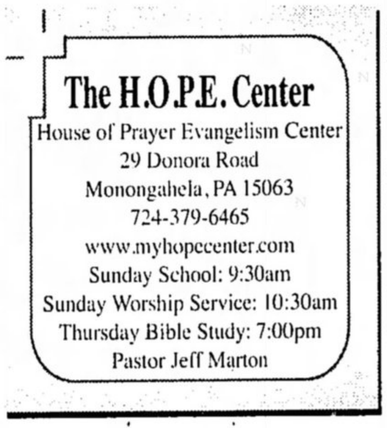

Rosh Hashanah: Pomegranate holiday

Associated Press

The ruby red pomegranate, which resembles a large apple but only its seeds are edible, is in season in September.

Fruit has been a traditional staple of the Jewish new year.

By JULIE WIENER
For The Associated Press

Long before pomegranates became the darling of the cocktail and smoothie scenes, the ruby red fruit enjoyed near sacred status in Jewish tradition.

One of the "seven species" of foods native to biblical Israel, the pomegranate was a key element of Rosh Hashanah — the Jewish new year — centuries before promotion of suspected health benefits splashed the juice into all manner of smoothies, cocktails and other drinks.

So important were pomegranates in medieval Spanish Jewish culture that, according to Gil Marks, author of the forthcoming "Encyclopedia of Jewish Food," the once Jewish city Granada derives its name from the Arabic words for "Jewish pomegranate trees."

The pomegranate — of which only the seeds are edible — even is mentioned several times in the Bible, and ornamental depictions of pomegranates, called "rimonim" in Hebrew, grace the tops of many Torah scrolls.

Part of the reason for the tradition is that pomegranates were long said to contain 613 seeds, the number of "mitzvot," or commandments, that Jews are supposed to observe.

Not surprisingly, seed count varies from fruit to fruit. Tom Tjerandsen of the Sonoma, Calif.-based Pomegranate Council estimates the average is closer to 850.

Whatever the number, pomegranates are hugely popular. As of June, there were more than 1,800 food and drink products that contained pomegranate seeds or juice, says Tom Vierhile a director at market research firm DataMonitor. In 2005, there were just 258.

And many of these new products are kosher. Indeed, at last year's annual trade show for kosher products, pomegranates were seemingly everywhere — in wines, jams, a variety of juices and other items. Beit Yitzhak Pomegranate Spread, imported from Israel, was one of the winners of the show's "new products" competition.

Acreage in California devoted to pomegranate growth for decades held at around 3,500. But during the past 15 years that has surged to more than 20,000, "and that's still not sufficient to handle the spark in demand," says Tjerandsen.

Pomegranate season begins in September, coinciding with the two-day celebration of Rosh Hashanah, which begins at sundown on Sept. 18. Many Jews serve pomegranates on the second night of the holiday, when it is customary to eat a fruit not regularly consumed.

Jayne Cohen, author of "Jewish Holiday Cooking," serves the juicy, red pomegranate seeds — which have a tart, almost astringent flavor — drizzled with artisanal honey in clear crystal bowls during Rosh Hashanah "so you can see how beautiful they are."

Cohen also uses the seeds as a garnish and to add "a burst of flavor and a little crunch" to a variety of dishes, everything from fruit compote to brisket to pumpkin soup. The tartness of the fruit is a nice contrast to the sweetness of many foods served during the holiday, she says.

"It adds very interesting nuances to chickens and stews," says Marks, noting that Sephardic Jews traditionally serve chicken with pomegranate at Rosh Hashanah.

While pomegranates can intimidate those who have never cracked one open — for that is what you must do to get at the seeds — the Pomegranate Council recommends a fuss-free process for extracting the seeds, also called arils.

Cut off the crown of the pomegranate, then cut the fruit into sections. Place the sections in a bowl of water, then use your fingers to roll out the juice sacs (seeds). Discard everything else, then strain and eat the seeds.

A relative newcomer to the pomegranate scene is already-extracted seeds, available fresh and frozen. The fresh seeds have a limited shelf life, and the frozen lose some color and crispness, but both take the fuss out of eating pomegranate.

But the easiest way to infuse pomegranate flavors into cooking is to bypass the whole fruit and use pomegranate molasses, also called pomegranate concentrate. "It has this not just fruity, but wonderfully complex berry taste," Cohen says.

Recipe for Pomegranate-Apricot Brown Rice

Associated Press

As pomegranate season and Rosh Hashanah meet in September, it is a good opportunity to incorporate this fruit with a long and sacred status in Jewish tradition in your meals. This side of Pomegranate-apricot Brown Rice goes well with most poultry or braised beef.

By The Associated Press

This side dish is a great accompaniment to poultry, from a simple roasted turkey or chicken to more elaborate Middle Eastern Jewish favorites such as fesenjan (an Iranian stew made with pomegranates). It also is delicious with brisket and other braised beef recipes.

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 8

2 cups brown basmati rice
3 cups pomegranate juice, divided
2 cups cold water
Salt
1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped dried apricots (preferably California or Pacific)
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil
6 cups coarsely chopped yellow onion (about 1 3/4 pounds)
1 to 2 tablespoons pomegranate molasses
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 to 1 cup pomegranate seeds
Fresh cilantro, chopped, for garnish (optional)

Heat the oven to 375 F.

Place the rice in a mesh strainer and rinse well under cold water. Drain, then transfer the rice to a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Add 2 cups of the pomegranate juice, the water and 1 tablespoon of salt. Mix, then cover with foil and bake for 1 hour.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine the apricots with enough warm water to cover. Set aside to soak.

In a large heavy skillet over medium-high, heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil. Add the onions, sprinkle them lightly with salt, then saute until the onions are tender and gold. Stir in 1 tablespoon of the pomegranate molasses and the remaining 1 cup pomegranate juice.

Increase heat to high, and boil, uncovered and stirring, until all the liquid is evaporated. Taste and adjust the seasoning (it may take quite a bit of salt), adding more pomegranate molasses if desired.

Drain the apricots (discarding the liquid), and stir them and the cinnamon in to the onions. Cook for another few minutes, stirring often, to blend the flavors. Remove the skillet from the heat and set aside until the rice is cooked.

When the rice is done, lower the oven to 350 F. Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil over the rice and toss gently. Add the onion-apricot mixture and toss to combine. Cover the pan with foil and bake for another 10 minutes. Taste and adjust salt.

Fluff the rice with a fork, scatter the pomegranate seeds over the top, and garnish with cilantro, if using.

Spinach Salad with Pomegranate

By The Associated Press

Sephardic Jews traditionally serve Swiss chard and spinach for Rosh Hashanah, as the greens symbolize renewal, according to Gil Marks, author of the forthcoming "Encyclopedia of Jewish Food."

Fresh Spinach Salad With Pomegranate

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 6 to 8

1/4 cup lemon juice or red wine vinegar
4 chopped scallions or 1 thinly sliced small yellow onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 to 1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil (to taste)
10 ounces (two 5-ounce containers) baby spinach
1 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
1/2 cup pomegranate seeds
2 to 3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced (optional)

In a medium bowl, combine the lemon juice or vinegar, scallions or onion, salt and pepper. In a slow, steady stream, whisk in the oil. Drizzle over the spinach, sprinkle with the nuts and pomegranate seeds, then toss to coat. If desired, garnish with egg slices.

— Recipe adapted from Gil Marks, author of the forthcoming "Encyclopedia of Jewish Food," Wiley.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 223 calories; 170 calories from fat; 19 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 92 mg cholesterol; 10 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 3 g fiber; 205 mg sodium.

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Wednesday – French toast sticks and sausage or beef taco-hash browns
Thursday – Cheeseburger or barbecued chicken sandwich-French fries
Friday – Pasta with meat sauce or marinated chicken sandwich-tossed salad

Each entree is served with choice of bread, vegetable, fruit and low fat milk. Fresh fruit varieties available daily.

Simple and sweet baked apple

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

With apples nearing peak season, it's easy to want more than one a day regardless of any plans to see your doctor.

Apples — of which some 2,500 varieties are grown in the U.S. — are jammed with antioxidants and flavonoids, both considered important parts of a healthy diet. They also are an excellent source of pectin, a natural fiber.

This time of year, apples often are best enjoyed unadorned, straight from the tree. But cooked apples can be a real treat, too. Either way, try not to remove the skin, because that's the best source of the apple's pectin and other nutrients.

Baked Apples With Dates and Pecans

Start to finish: 1 hour (10 minutes active)
Servings: 4

1/4 cup finely chopped toasted pecans
1/4 cup pitted and finely diced Medjool dates
Zest and juice of 1 orange
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon, divided
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 baking apples, such as Pink Lady, Pippin or McIntosh
1 tablespoon butter, melted (optional)
2 cups unfiltered apple juice
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon cool water

Heat the oven to 350 F.

In a small bowl, stir together the pecans, dates, orange zest and juice, 1/4 teaspoon of the cinnamon and the salt.

Core the apples, leaving 1/2 inch at the bottom, and peel the top edges. Stuff the apples with the pecan filling, then brush the tops with the melted butter, if using.

Arrange the apples in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Add the apple juice to the bottom of the dish, then cover it tightly with foil. Bake until the apples are tender (but not mushy) when pierced with a fork, about 35 to 45 minutes.

Transfer the apples to serving plates. If desired, place the plated apples in the oven (with the heat turned off) to keep warm.

Transfer the juices in the baking dish to a small saucepan over medium. Simmer for 5 minutes, or until reduced by half. Add the brown sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon. Simmer, stirring constantly, until the sugar is dissolved.

In a small glass, mix the cornstarch and water. Add the mixture to the saucepan, then heat until thickened. Serve the apples drizzled with the thickened sauce.

Intense sauce, thin cut, keep beef fast, flavorful

Lime juice, soy sauce, garlic and MSG mix for a premium taste.

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Aside from overcooking, it's hard to mess up a steak. Which means the trick to taking it over the top mostly is a matter of finding the flavors that best play up its savory, somewhat salty notes.

In this recipe, that boost is provided by a quick marinade of lime juice, soy sauce, garlic and MSG. Don't shy away from that last item. It's already in nearly everything you eat and has long-since lived down its Chinese food-syndrome days.

MSG adds an intense jolt of savoriness that is accented by the lime — both juice and zest. For added flavor, some of the marinade is reserved for making an avocado salsa for topping the steak.

To keep the recipe speedy, the steak is sliced into thin strips, which grill in just a couple minutes.

They can be topped with the salsa and served as is, wrapped in a flour tortilla or placed over a bed of baby spinach for a warm steak salad.

Garlic Lime Beef with Avocado Salsa

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Juice and zest of 1 lime
1/4 cup seasoned rice or cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Accent or other MSG product
1 teaspoon soy sauce
2 teaspoons garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound flank steak, cut against the grain into 1/2-inch strips
1 avocado, peeled, pitted and cubed
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt, to taste

In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice and zest, vinegar, Accent, soy sauce, garlic powder and black pepper. Set aside 2 tablespoons of the mixture.

Add the steak to the bowl and toss to coat. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, gently toss together the avocado, cilantro, garlic and reserved 2 tablespoons of the lime marinade. Mix well, then season with salt. Set aside.

Heat the grill to medium-high and coat the racks with oil or cooking spray.

Grill the steak slices just until grill marks appear, about 1 to 2 minutes per side. Arrange the steak on a serving platter and serve topped with the avocado salsa.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 309 calories; 181 calories from fat; 20 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 39 mg cholesterol; 7 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 4 g fiber; 660 mg sodium.

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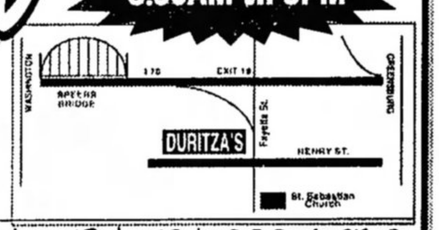

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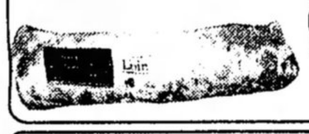

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Blount out for the season

Oregon responded to LeGarrette Blount's punch by suspending the running back for the rest of the season. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Another tough game for Cal U

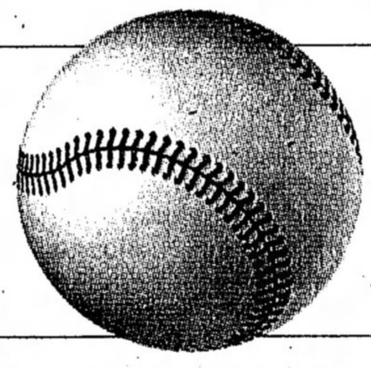
To avoid an 0-2 start, the Vulcans will have to overcome Dan Latorre and sixth-ranked Bloomsburg tonight. **2B**

Bucs drop slugfest

Ryan Ludwick homered twice Friday in the Cardinals' 14-7 win in Pittsburgh. **4B**

Sports Trivia

Who is the Pittsburgh Steelers' all-time leading scorer among non-kickers? **2B**



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St. Louis 14, Pittsburgh 7
N.Y. Mets 6, Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 1
Houston 7, Philadelphia 0
San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 2

Lost coin toss sparks BVA romp

Fumble recovery on kickoff sets up Leps' win over Laurel Highlands.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — Losing the opening game toss may have been a blessing in disguise for Belle Vernon Area.

On the opening kickoff, the Leps' Nick Sewchek recovered a fumble by Laurel Highlands' Jake Hoch at the Mustangs' 11.

Four plays later, BVA quarterback Brandon Dilmore went over from one yard out and the tone was set for a convincing 45-17 Leps' romp in Aaron Krepps' coaching debut at James Weir Stadium.

"That (fumble) really helped because we came out nervous," said Krepps.

What also helped was a strong performance by the Leps' one-two punch of Cory Williams and Matt Green.

Like last year, the Mustangs had a hard time keeping up with either Williams or Green.

Williams gained a game-high 90 yards on 13 carries and broke open a 21-3 contest by returning the second-half kickoff untouched 90 yards for his second touchdown.

Green also had a pair of touchdowns, and not to be outdone by Williams, returned an interception 97 yards for an electrifying six points six minutes later.

"It's nice to have two players who have that playmaking ability," said Krepps.

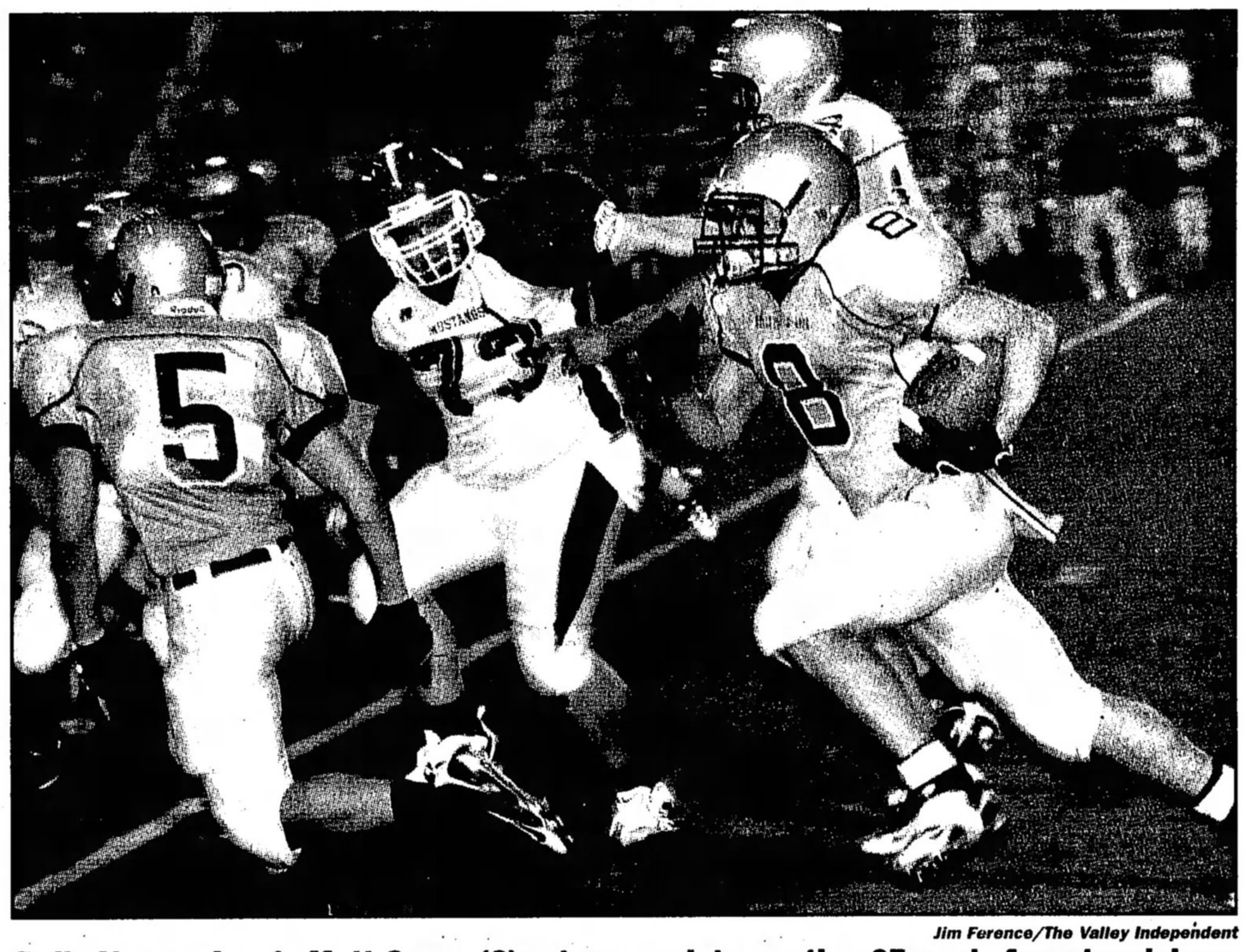
Laurel Highlands trimmed BVA's early lead to 7-3 when Kevin Provance kicked a 37-yard field goal with 7:36 left in the first half.

Three plays and 76 seconds later the Leps were up 14-3 when Green, the WPIAL and PIAA's defending long jump champion, leaped over one tackler on his way to a 21-yard score.

Ian Dobbins' 35-yard kick return and Green's 17-yard run set up the touchdown.

Williams went over from one yard out with 28 seconds left in the half three plays after he saw a 19-yard touchdown run called back by a holding penalty.

Any hope the Mustangs had of coming back in the second half was quickly ended by Williams' return.



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Belle Vernon Area's Matt Green (8) returns an interception 97 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter Friday. Green's teammates Ian Dobbins (5) and Joey Walko (4) look to block Laurel Highlands' Andrew Del Pinto (73).

The Mustangs didn't score their first touchdown until Carmen Congelio hit Max Beatty with a 23-yarder with nine seconds left in the third quarter to make it 35-10.

BVA tallied the next 10 points in the fourth quarter when Joey Walko, who had six extra points, booted a 28-yard field goal and Sewchek, on his only carry with the second-team backfield, raced in from 27 yards out with 3:21 remaining.

Sophomore Rasheed Dotson closed the scoring for Mustangs with a 68-yard run with 1:32 remaining.

Despite the lopsided win, Krepps wasn't all smiles.

"We made a ton of mistakes," he said. "We came out more nervous on defense and they were able to extend drives. We have to stop the run and it took us a while to calm down."

LEFTOVERS: Mike Thayer had an interception for the Leps ... Williams' four-yard run on the last play of the third quarter was BVAs lone offensive play in the quarter ... The Mustangs outgained the Leps, 283-238. BVA had 238 yards rushing and none in the air while the Mustangs ran for 170, with Congelio throwing for 113 ... BVA didn't have to punt once ... The Leps visit Southmoreland Friday.

Chad Carroto/For The Valley Independent

Monessen's SheIDon Miller, left, returns a punt in Friday's loss to Rochester.

Punchless Hounds shut out

Patchwork offense fails to dent the scoreboard against Rochester.

By JEFF OLIVER
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ROCHESTER — Rochester came into the season as one of the top-ranked Class A teams in the state.

And the Monessen Greyhounds were opening the season without their starting quarterback (Terrance Stepoli), top receiver (Nick Bolias) and two-way lineman Josh Stepoli.

To add to Monessen's patchwork offense, another talented receiver, Brady Kunsa, was forced to play quarterback.

So, few people were probably surprised when the Rams came away with a dominating 21-0 non-conference win.

Rochester was led by senior running back Trey Johnson, who rushed for 112 yards on 11 carries and scored all three touchdowns.

The Rams rolled up 277 total yards while holding the Greyhounds to 67. Part of the reason Monessen had such little offensive output was because the Rochester defense sacked Kunsa six times for a total loss of 67 yards.

The Greyhounds' offense sputtered all night, only having four series last longer than three plays.

"When you are basically missing four starters and you have guys thrown in different positions just to get a lineup on the field, you can't expect much offensively," Pacak said. "Especially when you play against a quality team like Rochester.

"But I'll tell you what: I'll take my guys. This team never gave up. When we were down in the first half, we could have folded up shop and got blown out. But we didn't."

Rochester didn't waste much time jumping to an 8-0 lead as the Rams went 38 yards in five plays on their second possession to score.

Johnson capped the short drive by sweeping right end 17 yards with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

Johnson then caught a two-point conversion pass from Jasson Adamson.

On the hosts' next possession, the Rams went up 14-0 when Johnson raced 65 yards up the middle for a TD on the second play of the second quarter.

Monessen's best scoring chance came in the third quarter when the Greyhounds started at their own 31 and drove to the Rochester 19 before Kunsa's

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Steelers make cuts, but don't announce them

Team may be trying to keep Isaac Redman on its practice squad.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — In a league in which secrecy is commonplace, the Pittsburgh Steelers are taking deception to another level. They're trying to cover up who's on their team, if only for a day.

Coach Mike Tomlin held a team meeting Friday with the players on his season-opening 53-man roster. What he wouldn't say afterward was who was there — or who wasn't.

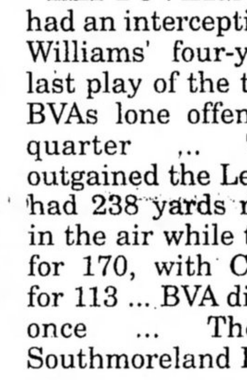
The Steelers' final 22 cuts won't be announced until today, when all NFL teams must firm up their 53-man rosters.

"I don't want to give the rest of the NFL 24 hours to look at our guys before they deliver theirs," Tomlin said. "We handled the paperwork, we're just going to hang onto the paperwork."

The Steelers' secrecy probably won't work — no doubt the agents for any players told they weren't on the team got the word out immediately to other NFL teams. According to Tomlin, the Steelers also want to see if anyone else cut around the league might help them.

The Steelers cut their roster a day earlier than most teams because they open the season Thursday against Tennessee. The Titans also didn't announce their cuts.

"From a business standpoint, it's not necessarily prudent to discuss those decisions publicly, to be quite honest," Tomlin said. "We've got another 24 hours here in which we



Redman

can do some things, manipulate the bottom end of the roster if you will, or maybe even get potential (draft) picks for guys that we maybe think aren't going to be a part of it."

One area of concern is an inexperienced offensive line that could go into the season without a single backup with any meaningful NFL playing time. The Steelers might be looking to add an experienced lineman who is cut by another team.

"I'm not comfortable, no, but I can't tell you I was comfortable a year ago, and we lost two starters in September and found a way to step up and deliver winning football," Tomlin said. "I'm not necessarily looking for comfort. Comfort is not something that comes with this job."

Despite the Steelers' subterfuge, most of their cuts are fairly predictable. Except, perhaps, for one.

The Steelers might be trying to slide running back Isaac Redman — the surprise star of training camp — from the active roster to the practice squad. One sign Redman didn't make the team: Tomlin didn't mention him during a discussion of the potential goal-line backs.

Redman, an undrafted rookie from Bowie State, scored three of the Steelers' five touchdowns rushing during the preseason and had a team-leading 145 yards. He also was their top goal-line runner

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SPORTS

Sotereanos saves EF at Yough

Fullback's 196-yard performance leads Warriors to 14-3 victory.

By JOSH YOHE
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Nothing went right for Elizabeth Forward in the first half of its season opener at Yough. The Warriors committed four turnovers in the opening 24 minutes and were fortunate to be trailing by only three points.

In the second half, Greg Sotereanos restored order.

The hulking fullback rumbled for 196 yards and a touchdown to lead the Warriors to a 14-3 victory over Yough at Cougar Mountain.

"The first half was pretty awful," Sotereanos said. "Nothing went our way, but at halftime, we knew what we had to do in the second half. We got the job done."

Corey Sevcik and Sotereanos scored touchdowns in the third quarter to put EF ahead to stay.

The EF victory put a damper on Jim Ward's first game as Yough's coach. Known for his defensive wizardry, Ward's defensive unit was indeed terrific. The Cougars forced four turnovers in the first half and sacked Sevcik three times. Yough's defense should have been credited with five turnovers in the first half but an inadvertent whistle reversed a clear Sotereanos fumble.

Ward acknowledged that his team probably blew the game in the first half. Yough managed only the three points while forcing four turnovers.

"That's the kind of stuff you just can't do," he said. "When you're playing a team like Elizabeth Forward, you need to capitalize on those turnovers. They're an experienced team and, if you don't bury them early, they're tough to deal with."

The first half was a nightmare for the Warriors in general and Sevcik in particular. Yough's Sean Spoonhoward picked off a terrible Sevcik slant pass on EF's first possession. Sevcik then was stripped by Mike Madden later in the half. For the game, the EF quarterback completed 2 of 4 passes for 13 yards. He rushed for only four yards on eight carries.

Still, Sevcik's best pass of the game may have been the evening's biggest play.

On third-and-14 at midfield early in the third quarter, Sevcik fired a dart to Nick Fecula for a 15-yard completion.

Sotereanos blasted up the middle for 29 yards on the next play, which set the stage for Sevcik's 1-yard plunge on a sneak.

"That was a big throw Corey made," EF coach Garry Cathell said. "He didn't have his best night, but he made some plays when he had to. We didn't play a great game tonight, but I'm proud of what we did in the second half. We won the game, and that's what counts."

Down 7-3 in the third quarter, Madden, Yough's quarterback, lost a fumble. EF's Cody Morgan made the recovery.

The Warriors quickly capitalized on the turnover as Sotereanos scored from 31 yards to make it 14-3.

"That took the wind out of us a little bit," Ward said. "It's just so frustrating when you have all those chances in the first half and you can't put points on the board."

Ward's defense acquitted itself well.

Yough was extremely aggressive and made EF look uncomfortable most of the night.

"You have to give Jimmy a ton of credit," Cathell said. "That defense is good and I knew coming in that it was going to give us some problems. They're just so aggressive and, when they guess right, they get you."

When EF took the lead, the game plan became simple. Sotereanos churned out a number of crucial yards, gaining 126 of his 196 yards in the second half.

EF ran a number of trap plays that gave the Cougars fits.

"It's been tough for us because our offensive line hasn't become real cohesive yet," Cathell said. "But you've got to give Greg credit. He's a heck of a football player and he was very, very good tonight."

Yough's best player was Madden, the senior quarterback. He completed 7 of 16 passes for 102 yards and rushed for 49 yards. On defense, he was credited with a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery. He probably would have scored a touchdown on his fumble recovery, but his knee was down when he picked up the ball.

"It was one of those nights," Ward said. "We were so close so many times. We'll learn. We'll get better."

Madden is also the team's punter and booted four punts for an average of 50 yards.

"He's a heck of a good football player," Ward said. "I really love this whole group. They work hard and they'll get better."

The night, though, belonged to the Warriors and their big fullback.

"It feels good to get a win," he said. "It was kind of typical of a first game of a season. It was sloppy, but we got the win. That's what matters."

NOTES: EF's Gerald Johnson rushed for 45 yards on seven carries. He also made the game's best tackle, a takedown of Yough's Tyler Mains on a kickoff return. With EF ahead 14-3 in the third quarter, Mains appeared on his way to a touchdown when Johnson made a spectacular, shoe-string tackle, ... EF opens its home schedule next Friday against Laurel Highlands. ... Yough hosts Chartiers Valley next Friday.

California nips Frazier

Poorly timed mistakes cost Commodores in 20-16 defeat.

By TOM BUCKLEY
For The Valley Independent

When the California Trojans were hosted by Frazier Friday night, one word described the entire game. Mistakes.

"We can't make mistakes" said Lew Sweitzer, head coach of the Commodores, noting that mistakes were what cost Frazier in a last-minute 20-16 loss to the Trojans.

Despite what seemed to be an overall slow first half, the Commodores came out strong. In the first drive of the game, the Commodores scored after a 10-play drive that was all run based, mostly centering around running back Chase Kirmeyer.

Kirmeyer had 86 yards rushing for the game, half coming on the opening drive . Kirmeyer carried the ball 7 times in the drive, gaining four of the team's five first downs.

Frazier controlled the better part of the first half on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Although the Commodores outgained the Trojans, it was mistakes that helped them keep control during the first half.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes" said Trojans head coach Brady Barbero. The Trojans committed six penalties in the first half, and at least one in each of their three first-half drives.

The mistakes for the Trojans continued into the second half with two crucial penalties on their opening drive. After that drive, the mistakes had turned from the Trojans to the Commodores.

After a long drive that the Trojans failed to score on, they managed to pin the Commodores inside their own 15 on a punt. The first of several Commodore mistakes occurred on a play that Barbero called "unbelievable" for the Trojans.

On a third and 15, quarterback Jim Kline looked to attempt a screen pass to Kirmeyer, but Wade Stinnett intercepted it on the 15-yard line and ran it in for a touchdown. Despite the Commodores countering the Trojans with a lengthy drive that ended in a field goal, it was the fourth quarter that made the game for the Trojans.

The Commodores' dominant defense in the first half was not the same in the second. The defensive would give up back-to-back 15-yard gains to the Trojans, then a 25-yard pass from quarterback D.J. Martinak to tight end Wade Stinnett. Following a missed extra point by Kyle Rodriguez, the Trojans had gained the lead from the Commodores for the first time in the game.

The Commodores continued to struggle offensively. The Commodores received several breaks in the fourth quarter, but didn't take advantage of any of them offensively. The Commodores managed to recover a fumbled punt, receive a holding call which took back a Trojans' touchdown and intercept a crucial pass. But the Commodores did not score on any of the mistakes made by the Trojans.

The final mistake by the Commodores was the one that cost them the game. With one minute to go, the Commodores surrendered a 65-yard punt return, which started a drive for the Trojans on the Commodores' 21-yard line. The Commodores' mistakes took a turn for the worse when they gave up the game-winning touchdown to the Trojans on another pass from Martinak to Stinnett.

SPORTS DIGEST

Brown winner at Motordrome

Neil Brown was the late model feature winner at Motordrome Speedway Friday.

Mark Poole finished second, followed by Mark Cottone, Gary Wiltrout and Barry Awtey. Brown and Shawn Pilla were the heat winners.

Other feature winners were Dink Colarusso (street stocks), Bobby Shipp (modifieds), Chris Spadacene (chargers) and Andres Suarez (super compacts).

Penguins to visit White House Thursday

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins will visit with President Barack Obama in the White House on Thursday, two days before they report to training camp.

The 6 p.m. ceremony will occur two hours before Pittsburgh's other championship team, the Super Bowl-winning Steelers, opens the regular season at home against the Tennessee Titans.

The Penguins won their first Stanley Cup since 1992, rallying from a 3-2 series deficit to defeat the reigning champion Detroit Red Wings in the finals. The Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win a finals Game 7 on the road.

Leading the Penguins' visit will be Sidney Crosby, who at age 21 became the youngest captain of a Stanley Cup winner.

Oregon's Blount suspended for the year

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — A day after Oregon's college football season opened, it ended for running back LeGarrette Blount.

Blount was suspended for all remaining games on Friday for punching Boise State defensive end Byron Hout in the jaw following the 16th-ranked Ducks' 19-8 loss to the 14th-ranked Broncos the night before. Because he is a senior, Blount's playing days in Eugene are over.

Oregon's first-year coach, Chip Kelly, told a sobbing Blount about his decision after reviewing tape of the altercation.

Celebrating the victory on the Broncos' trademark blue turf, Hout yelled in Blount's face and tapped him on the shoulder pad. Before Boise State coach Chris Petersen could pull Hout away, Blount landed a right to Hout's jaw, knocking him to his knees.

Blount also had to be restrained by police from fans heckling him on the way to the locker room.

Trivia answer

Franco Harris with 600 points.

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during camp and in the exhibition games.

If Redman is out, then fifth-round pick Frank "The Tank" Summers, who was injured most of camp, might be in. Summers did little to play his way onto the team, and Tomlin said last week the former UNLV player needed to show more. Summers had one carry for 4 yards against Carolina on Thursday.

Among those expected to be cut are fullback Carey Davis, who didn't play Thursday; former Penn State center A.Q. Shipley, a seventh-round pick; and linebacker Bruce Davis, a third-round draft pick last year. Carey Davis started 11 games the last two seasons.

The only starter who might not be ready for the Tennessee opener is linebacker Lawrence Timmons, who wore a protective boot earlier this week because of a high ankle sprain. Timmons visited a doctor on Friday, and Tomlin said his status won't be known until next week.

Tomlin knows much of the pregame attention will likely be focused on several Titans players stomping on Terrible Towels during Tennessee's 31-14 victory on Dec. 21 — the Steelers' only defeat in their final 10 games, including the playoffs.

Don't look for any pregame rhetoric from Tomlin urging revenge for the towel tromping.

"What the '08 Steelers did is history and it's no different than the '74-'75 Steelers as far as I'm concerned," Tomlin said. "I'm not going to concern myself with something (Titans running back) LenDale White did a year ago. I'm sure Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson did something that could be viewed as disgraceful back when he played for the Oilers," the forerunner of the Tennessee franchise, back in the 1970s.

Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

pass on fourth-and-nine fell incomplete.

In that drive, Kunsa hooked up twice with receiver Jeff Francia for 15 yards each time and Brett Crenshaw darted up the middle on a 21-yard run that included a leap over the top of a would-be tackler.

"We didn't do too much offensively with a patchwork offense," said Pacak. "Either we'd make a mistake or we'd give up a sack."

After Monessen was stopped, the Rams put the game away with an 11-play, 81-yard drive that culminated in Johnson's third score, a six-yard scamper with 6:07 left to play.

After that, the Greyhounds started a drive at their own 37, moved to the Rochester 40 and then proceeded to go backward after three Kunsa sacks and a penalty.

By the time the Greyhounds punted, it was fourth-and-62.

"You are never happy with a loss, but we will learn from this," said Pacak. "We will get some kids back and we will be heard from.

"I'd love to see (Rochester) again in November."

NOTES: Crenshaw led Monessen with 52 yards on seven carries .... Francia caught three passes for 35 yards ... Adamson rushed for 63 yards on 10 carries and completed six of seven passes for 39 yards ... Monessen travels to Clairton Friday.

Football roundup

Cougars stay close early

For one quarter Charleroi held its own with highly-routed Greensburg Central Catholic in a Class AA Interstate Conference opener.

The Cougars were deadlocked with the Centurion 7-7 before a pair of fumbles proved costly in the second quarter.

David Miller, who finished with 239 yards on 23 carries, scored on runs of eight and 34 yards in the second quarter as the Centurions went on to a 310-7 win.

Greensburg Central quarterback Trent Hurley also came up big, throwing a 26-yard touchdown pass to Evan Marshall and running 12 yards for six points.

Hurley finished eight of 13 for 119 yards with Marshall hauling in six passes for 80yards.

Quarterback Tommy Thorpe went over from the two for Charleroi's touchdown in the first quarter.

The Cougars' Quentin Briggs ran for 73 yards on 21 carries.

Demetri Edward had an interception for the Cougars with Jake Linn recovering a fumble and Zach Hooks and Ray Campbell getting quarterback sacks.

Charleroi makes its home debut Friday with East Allegheny.

Bentworth wins

Lou Rood was a winner in his Bentworth debut as the Bearcats outscored visiting Mapletown, 41-33.

Ben Gregg completed six of 12 passes for 112 yards and three touchdowns.

Gregg's scoring tosses went to Jayson Wright (14 yards), Dan Hansell (16 yards) and Derek Damich (66 yards).

Bentworth's first two touchdowns came on kick returns.

Wright started with a 722-yarder with Brian Early adding a 60-yarder.

Joe Vahaly closed the scoring with a 58-yard touchdown run.

Mapletown quarterback Cory Minnick piled up 369 total offense yards.

Minnick completed 14 of 30 passes for 249 yards and four touchdowns to Jarrett Porterfield and also ran for 120 on 22 carries and another score.

The Bearcats host Geibel next Friday.

Brownsville wins

Freshman Brandon DeCarlo went over from five yards out as Brownsville edged South Allegheny, 21-14, in overtime in the Interstate Conference to make Von Braddock a winner in his coaching debut.

DeCarlo also threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Franks and ran one yard for a score.

Peters Twp. tops Ringold

By DON HOLTZ
For The Valley Independent

PETERS TOWNSHIP — Final scores can be misleading.

Take Peters Township's 29-15 win over visiting Ringgold Friday, for instance.

The Quad A Indians trailed 15-14 going into the fourth quarter before pulling out the victory and spoiling the coaching debut of Lloyd Price.

After spotting Peters Township a 14-3 first quarter lead, Ringgold stunned the Indians by scoring a pair of long touchdowns in the third quarter.

Josh Burnisky threw a 46-yard pass to Derrick Fiore for the Rams' first touchdown of the season to trim the deficit to 14-9.

Dylan Patch then put the Rams ahead when he picked off an Austin Hancock pass and returned it 65 yards for six points.

The Indians went ahead to stay 22-15 when Justin Miller raced in from 29 yards out and Hancock threw to Brandon Hoffman for the two-pointer.

Sophomore Andrew Erenberg went over from the one for his second TD to seal the win as the Indians avenged a 21-20 defeat.

Burnisky scored the Rams' first points by kicking a 42-yard field goal in the opening quarter.

Erenberg finished with 136 yards on 24 carries.

Burnisky completed 10 of 23 passes for 127yards with Patch hitting five of nine for 34 yards.

The Rams, however, were limited to 57 yards on the ground.

Ringgold hits the road again Friday at Albert Gallatin.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	77	55	.583	—
Florida	71	64	.526	7 1/2
Atlanta	70	65	.519	8 1/2
New York	61	74	.452	17 1/2
Washington	46	89	.341	32 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	80	56	.588	—
Chicago	67	66	.504	11 1/2
Milwaukee	65	69	.485	14
Houston	64	70	.478	15
Cincinnati	61	73	.455	18
Pittsburgh	53	80	.398	25 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	80	55	.593	—
Colorado	74	60	.552	5 1/2
San Francisco	74	61	.548	6
Arizona	61	74	.452	19
San Diego	59	76	.437	21

Friday's Games

Florida 9, Washington 6
St. Louis 14, Pittsburgh 7
N.Y. Mets 6, Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 1
Houston 7, Philadelphia 0
San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 2
Arizona at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Harden 8-8) at N.Y. Mets (Figueroa 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 12-4) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 12-10), 4:10 p.m.
Florida (Jo.Johnson 13-4) at Washington (Li.Hernandez 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 9-6) at Houston (Oswalt 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (M.Boggs 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 11-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (K.Wells 0-3) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 10-9), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (D.Davis 7-11) at Colorado (Contreras 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Latos 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Wolf 9-6), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	49	.637	—
Boston	78	56	.582	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	72	62	.537	13 1/2
Toronto	60	74	.448	25 1/2
Baltimore	54	81	.400	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	73	61	.545	—
Minnesota	67	67	.500	6
Chicago	67	69	.493	7
Cleveland	59	75	.440	14
Kansas City	51	83	.381	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	79	54	.594	—
Texas	76	58	.567	3 1/2
Seattle	71	64	.526	9
Oakland	59	75	.440	20 1/2

Friday's Games

Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
Texas 5, Baltimore 1
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Angels 2, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 12, Boston 2
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-6) at Toronto (Cecil 6-3), 1:07 p.m.
Boston (Tazawa 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (G.Floyd 10-9), 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota (S.Baker 12-7) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-6), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Millwood 10-8) at Baltimore (Matusz 3-2), 4:10 p.m.
Detroit (Galarraga 6-10) at Tampa Bay (J.Shields 9-10), 7:08 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Lackey 9-7) at Kansas City (Greinke 13-8), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (French 4-4) at Oakland (Bre.Anderson 7-10), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1:38 p.m.
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

St. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
Schmkr 2b-lf	4	2	1	0	AMcCt cf	4	1	1	0
Rasms cf	6	2	1	0	DlwYn 2b	4	1	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	3	2	3	GJones 1b	5	1	2	1
Lugo ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Milledg lf	3	1	2	1
Hollidy lf	5	2	2	1	Doumit c	5	1	3	0
Glaus ph-1b	1	0	0	0	AnLRc 3b	4	1	2	2
Ludwck rf	5	3	5	5	Moss rf	5	1	1	2
DeRosa 3b	5	2	3	1	Cedeno ss	3	0	1	0
YMolin c	2	0	1	0	K.Hart p	3	0	0	0
BrRyan ss	5	0	1	2	DBatst p	0	0	0	0
Wnwrg p	2	0	0	0	Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
Thurstn ph	1	0	0	0	Dumtrt p	0	0	0	0
DReyes p	0	0	0	0	SJcksn p	0	0	0	0
KGreen ph	0	0	0	0	RVazqz ph	1	0	1	0
McClln p	0	0	0	0	Btchck p	0	0	0	0
Ankiel ph	1	0	1	1					
Motte p	0	0	0	0					
Wilmyr p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	42	14	17	13	Totals	37	7	13	6

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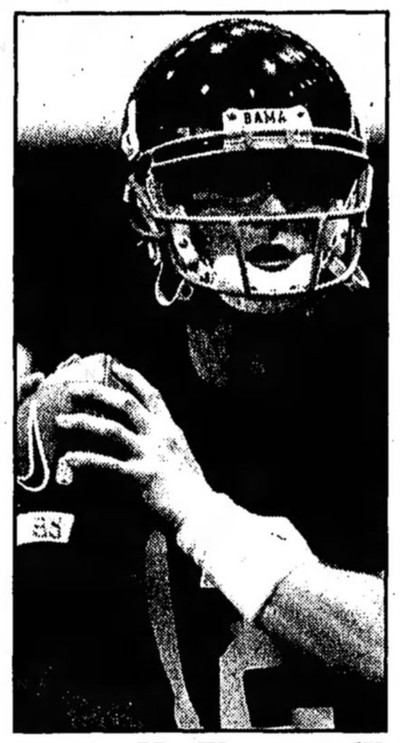
Pittsburgh	000	060	100 — 7

E—Schumaker 2 (10), Doumit (2). DP—St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 9. 2B—Schumaker (32), Ludwick 2 (18), DeRosa (5), Milledge (7). 3B—Moss (3). HR—Pujols (43), Holliday (11), Ludwick 2 (20). SB—Y.Molina (8). CS—A.McCutchen (4). S—Y.Molina. SF—Milledge.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Wainwright W,17-7	5	9	6	6	2	5
D.Reyes H,17	1	0	0	0	1	2
McClellan	1	3	1	1	0	0
Motte	1	1	0	0	0	1
Wellemeyer	1	0	0	0	2	1
Pittsburgh						
K.Hart L,4-5	5 2-3	9	7	5	3	3
D.Bautista BS,1-1	2-3	3	3	3	0	0
Hanrahan	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Dumatrait	1-3	3	4	4	2	1
S.Jackson	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Bootcheck	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—K.Hart.
Umpires—Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Marvin Hudson; Second, Angel Hernandez; Third, Randy Marsh.
T—3:17. A—15,258 (38,362).



Greg Mc-Elroy will lead Alabama against Virginia Tech at 8 p.m. on WTAE.

Weekend sports dial

Today

Television

11 a.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
Noon - WPCW - Liberty at West Virginia, college football.
Noon - WPMY - Western Kentucky at Tennessee, college football.
Noon - ESPN - Navy at Ohio State, college football.
Noon - ESPN2 - Minnesota at Syracuse, college football.
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Deutsche Bank Championship, golf.
3:30 p.m. - WTAE - Georgia at Oklahoma State, college football.
3:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Western Michigan at Michigan; college football.
3:30 p.m. - WPXI - Nevada at Notre Dame, college football.
3:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - San Jose State at Southern California, college football.
3:30 p.m. - ESPN - Missouri at Illinois, college football.
4 p.m. - WPGH - Boston at Chicago White Sox, baseball.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - First Tee Open, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN - Brigham Young vs Oklahoma, college football.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Degree V12 300, auto racing.
7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Bloomsburg at California, college football.
8 p.m. - WTAE - Alabama vs Virginia Tech, college football.
10 p.m. - ESPN2 - Maryland at California, college football.
10:30 p.m. - ESPN - LSU at Washington, college football.
11:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Canadian Women's Open, golf.

Radio

1 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM), WBGG (970) - Youngstown State at Pitt, college football.
7:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - St. Louis at Pittsburgh, baseball.
7 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Bloomsburg at California, college football.

Sunday

Television

11 a.m. - KDKA - U.S. Open, tennis.
Noon - ESPN - Colerain (Ohio) vs. Elder (Ohio), high school football.
1 p.m. - WGN - Chicago Cubs at New York Mets, baseball.
1:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - St. Louis at Pittsburgh, baseball.
2 p.m. - WTBS - Boston at Chicago White Sox, baseball.
2 p.m. - ESPN2 - Grambling State vs South Carolina State, college football.
3 p.m. - WPXI - Deutsche Bank Championship, golf.
3:30 p.m. - ESPN - Mississippi at Memphis, college football.
4 p.m. - WTAE - Traxxas Off-Road Championship Series, auto racing.
7 p.m. - Golf Channel - First Tee Open, golf.
7:30 p.m. - PepBoys Auto 500, auto racing.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - San Diego at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.
9:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Canadian Women's Open, golf.

Football scores

Avella 44, Geibel Catholic 28
Avon Grove 49, Kennett 14
Beaver Area 13, New Brighton 0
Belle Vernon Area 45, Laurel Highlands 17
Bentworth 41, Mapletown 28
Bethel Park 37, Kiski Area 14
Beth-Center 24, Carlynton 6
Brownsville 21, S. Allegheny 14, OT
Burrell 63, West Shamokin 0
California 20, Frazier 16
Canon-McMillan 36, Trinity 22
Center 35, Mohawk 7
Chartiers Valley 28, W. Allegheny 24
Chartiers-Houston 42, W. Greene 20
Deer Lakes 14, Apollo-Ridge 6
Elizabeth Forward 14, Yough 3
Fort Cherry 28, Carmichaels 12
Fox Chapel 32, Highlands 13
Franklin Regional 48, S'moreland 15
Freedom 20, Ellwood City 7
Freeport 37, Kittanning 21
Gateway 19, Penn Hills 7
Greensburg Central 31, Charleroi 7
Hampton 21, Blackhawk 13
Hopewell 47, Knoch 6
Jeanette 45, East Allegheny 13
Jefferson-Morgan 34, Leechburg 14
Keystone Oaks 32, Steel Valley 13
Latrobe 21, Derry 0
Laurel 15, Clairton 8
Mars 24, Moon 7
Montour 20, Pine-Richland 8
Mount Lebanon 17, North Hills 16
Mount Pleasant 17, McGuffey 6
Neshannock 35, Kennedy Catholic 0
New Castle 20, Butler 14
North Allegheny 53, Altoona 0
Norwin 17, Seneca Valley 7
Peters Township 29, Ringgold 15
Plum 26, Indiana 6
Rochester 21, Monessen 0
Schenley 14, Westinghouse 6
Serra Catholic 27, North Catholic 20
Seton-LaSalle 42, Northgate 12
Shaler 29, Baldwin 14
South Fayette 34, South Park 6
Springdale 27, Monaca 6
Sto-Rox 30, Cornell 7
Uniontown 7, Connellsville 6
Washington 24, Waynesburg 0
West Mifflin 35, Allderdice 0
Wilmington 43, Brentwood 0

Football summaries

Belle Vernon Area 45, Laurel Highlands 17

Laurel Highlands	**0**	**3**	**7**	**7**	**- 17**
Belle Vernon Area	**7**	**14**	**14**	**10**	**- 45**

BVA - Dilmore (1, run) Walko (kick)
Laurel - FG, Provance (37)
BVA - Green (21, run) Walko (kick)
BVA - Williams (1, run) Walko (kick)
BVA - Williams (90, kick return) Walko (run)
BVA - Green (97, interception) Walko (kick)
Laurel - Beatty (23, passfrom Congelio) Provance (kick)
BVA - FG, Walko (28).
BVA - Sewchek (27, run) Walko (kick)
Laurel - Dotson (68, run) Provance (kick)

Team statistics

	LH	BVA
First downs	12	13
Yds rushing	238	170
Yds passing	113	0
Passeas	8-19-2	0-5-0
Fumbles, lost	1-1	2-1
Punts	3-28	0-0
Penalties, yds	5-47	3-40

Individual statistics

Rushing

BVA - Cory Williams, 13 foir 90 yds, 1 td; Green, 9 for 778 yds; Sewchek, 1 for 27 yds, 1 td; Gruber, 2 for 23 yds; McNeil, 1 for 14 yds; Cole, 1 for 12 yds; Dilmore, 1 for 1 yd, 1 td; Lynn, 1 for minus 2 yds; Abbott, 2 for minus 4 yds.
Laurel - Dotson, 1for 68 yds, 1 td; Clifford, 17 for 52 yds; Congelio, 11 for 18 yds; Morgan, 3 for 16 yds; Mains, 4 for 10 yds; Walton, 1 for 6 yds; Reed, 2 for 0 yds.

Passing

BVA - Dilmore, 0 of 5.
Laurel - Congelio, 8 of 19 for 113 yds, 1 td.

Pass receiving

Laurel - Reed, 3 for 37 yds; Hoch, 3 for 32 yds; Beatty, 1 for 23 yds, 1 td; Clifford, 1 for 21 yds.

Rochester 21, Monessen 0

Monessen	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**- 0**
Rochester	**8**	**6**	**0**	**7**	**- 21**

Rochester - Trey Johnson (17, run) Johnson (pass from Adamson)
Rochester - Johnson (65, run)
Rochester - Johnson (6. run) A.Johnson (kick)

Team statistics

	Mon	Roc
First downs	8	13
Yds rushing	15	238
Yds passing	51	39
Passes	5-12-0	6-7-0
Fumbles, lost	1-0	3-0
Punts	6-34	1-38
Penalties, yds	6-50	7-50

Individual statistics

Rushing

Monessen - Crenshaw, 7 for 52 yds; Cook, 8 for 30 yds; Kunsa, 9 for minus 67 yds.
Rochester - Trey Johnson, 11 for 112 yds, 3 tds; Adamson, 10 for 63 yds; Glass, 6 for 39 yds; Gallagher, 3 for 24 yds; Tapia, 2 for 4 yds; Moon, 2 for minus 6 yds; A. Johnson, 1 for 3 yds.

Passing

Monessen - Kunsa, 5 of 12 for 52 yds.
Rochester - Adamson, 6 of 7 for 39 yds.

Pass receiving

Monessen - F rancia, 3 for 35 yds; Miller, 2 for 17 yds.
Rochester - Belcastro, 2 for 28 yds; Glass, 2 for 7 yds; T. Johnson, 1 for 5 yds; Gettings, 1 for minus 1 yd.

Greensburg Central 31, Charleroi 7

Charleroi	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**- 7**
Grb. Central	**7**	**14**	**7**	**3**	**- 31**

Grb. Central - Marshall (26, pass from Hurley) Gongaware (kick)
Charleroi - Thorpe (2, run) Black (kick)
Grb. Central - Miller (8, run) Gongaware (kick)
Grb. Central - Miller (34, run) Gongaware (kick)
Grb. Central - Hurley (12, run) Gongaware (kick)
Grb. Central - FG, Gongaware (29).

Individual statistics

Rushing

Charleroi - Briggs, 21 for 73 yds; Alremara, 7 for 45 yds; Thorpe, 4 for 13 yd, 1 td; Edwards, 7 for 3 yds; Shannon, 1 for minus 1 yd.
Grb. Central - Miller, 23 for 239 yds, 2 tds; Prinkey, 5 for 59 yds; Biros, 7 for 32 yds; Wilson, 2 for 23 yds; Hurley, 3 for 12 yds, 1 td.

Passing

Charleroi - Thorpe, 3 of 5 for 74 yds, 1 int.
Grb. Central - Hurley, 8 of 13 fo 119 yds, 1 int.

Pass receiving

Charleroi - Altemara, 2 for 55 yds; Lynn, 1 for 19 yds.
Grb. Central - Marshall, 6 for 80 yds, 1 td; Michaels, 1 for 26 yds; Barclay, 1 for 13 yds.

California 20, Frazier 16

California	**0**	**0**	**7**	**13**	**- 20**
Frazier	**7**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**- 16**

Frazier - Kirmeyer, (2, run) Rodriguez (kick).
California - Stinnett(15 interception) Wohar(kick).
Frazier - Rodriguez 21 yd. field goal
California - Stinnett 25 yds pass from Martinak
Frazier - Kirmeyer, (1, run)
California - Stinnett 14 yds pass from Martinak Wohar(kick).

Team statistics

	Cal	F
First downs	9	8
Yds rushing	165	188
Yds passing	111	29
Passes	6-11-2	2-5-0
Fumbles, lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties, yds	8-50	6-40

Individual statistics

Rushing

California - Martinak, 7 for 51 yds.; Tonini, 3 for 5 yds; Stinnett, 1 for 4 yds.; Brooks, 7 for 90 yds; Hunter, 2 for 15 yds.
Frazier - Kirmeyer, 23 for 85 yds., 2 td; Kline 9 for 84 yds.; Smith, 7 for 21 yds.; Guiser, 1 for minus 2 yds.; Vargo, 1 for zero, 1 fumble;

Passing

California - Martinak, 6 for 11, 111 yds., 2 td, 2 int.
Frazier - Kline, 2 for 4, 29 yds., 1 int.; Vargo, 0 for 1, o yds.

Pass receiving

California - Tonini - 2 for 60 yds.; Stinnett, 2 for 39 yds., 2 tds; Evans, 1 for 7 yds, Conway, 1 for 5 yds.
Frazier -Kirmeyer, 2 for 29 yds.

Ringgold	**3**	**0**	**12**	**0**	**- 15**
Peters Twp.	**14**	**0**	**0**	**15**	**- 29**

Peters Twp.- Erenberg (4, run) Santry (kick)
Ringgold - FG, Burnisky (42).
Peters Twp. - Hancock (2, run) Santry (kick)
Ringgold - Fiore (46, pass from Burnisky)
Ringgold - Patch (65, interception)
Peters Twp. - Miller (29, run) Hoffman (pass from Hancock)
Peters Twp. - Erenberg (1, run) Santry (kick)

Bentworth 41, Mapletown 33

Mapletown	**13**	**0**	**8**	**12**	**- 33**
Bentworth	**13**	**14**	**7**	**7**	**- 41**

Bentworth - Wright (72, kick return) Malarbi (kick)
Mapletown - Porterfield (14. pass from Minnick) Fecsko (kick)
Bentworth - Early (60, kick return)
Mapletown - Porterfield (12, pass from Minnick)
Bentworth - Wright (14, pass from Gregg) Malarbi (kick)
Bentwoth - Ansell (16, pass from Gregg) Malarbi(kick)
Mapletown - Porterfield (19, pass fromMinnick) Cumpson (pass from Minnick)
Bentworth - Damich (66, pass from Gregg) Malarbi (kick)
Mapletown - Minnick(4, run0
Mapletown - Porterfield (14, pass from Minnick)
Bentworth - Vahaly (58, run) Malarbi (kick)

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS—Recalled INF Matt Tolbert from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled RHP Jonathan Albaladejo from Scranton-Wilkes Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Clayton Mortensen from Sacramento (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled RHP Willie Eyre from Oklahoma City (PCL).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated OF Nate McLouth from the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO CUBS—Claimed RHP Thomas Diamond off waivers from Texas (AL) and assigned him to Iowa (PCL). Recalled INF Bobby Scales from Iowa.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Brett Myers from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Joe Bisenius and RHP Steven Register outright to Lehigh Valley (IL) and C Joel Naughton outright to Clearwater (FSL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Added LHP Victor Garate to the roster. Activated C Jesus Flores from the 15-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Ramon Sessions to an offer sheet.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Minnesota QB Brett Favre $10,000 for his crack-back block on Houston DB Eugene Wilson during an Aug. 31 game.
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released TE Leonard Pope, S Aaron Francisco, OT Oliver Ross, CB Wilrey Fontenot, QB Tyler Palko, WR Steve Sanders, WR Ed Gant, RB Chris Vincent, CB Jameel Dowling, FB Reagan Maui'a, FB Tim Castille, C Melvin Fowler, LB Victor Hobson, G Trevor Canfield, G Carlton Medder, DE Alex Field, DT Keilen Dykes, WR Onrea Jones, DT Rodney Leisle, LB Chase Bullock and LB David Holloway.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released S Eric Brock, CB Glenn Sharpe, OT Adam Speer, G Ryan Stanchek, CB Tony Tiller, C Ben Wilkerson and WR Chandler Williams.
BUFFALO BILLS—Fired offensive coordinator Turk Schonert.
DENVER BRONCOS—Released DL Matthias Askew, G Kory Lichtensteiger, QB Ingle Martin, CB Rashod Moulton, T Clint Oldenburg, DL Carlton Powell, LB Lee Robinson, WR Nate Swift and RB Marcus Thomas. Placed G Matt McChesney on the reserve/injured list.
DETROIT LIONS—Acquired S Ko Simpson from Buffalo for an undisclosed 2010 draft choice. Released DE Orion Martin.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released FB Jed Collins, CB Travis Daniels, CB Londen Fryar, C Eric Ghiaciuc, OT Damion McIntosh, LB Corey Smith, OT Herb Taylor and G Tavares Washington.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Vinny Ciurciu, WR Robert Ortiz, S Roderick Rogers, QB Andrew Walter, DL Stephen Williams and G Billy Yates.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released TE Eugene Bright, LB Curtis Gatewood and DT Willie Williams.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed D Steve Eminger to a two-year contract.
BOSTON BRUINS—Agreed terms with coach Claude Julien on a multiyear contract extension.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed C Derick Brassard to a four-year contract extension through 2013-14.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Acquired RW Jason Bailey from Anaheim for LW Shawn Weller.

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	10	.667	—
Atlanta	17	14	.548	3 1/2
Detroit	15	15	.500	5
Chicago	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Washington	15	16	.484	5 1/2
Connecticut	15	17	.469	6
New York	12	19	.387	8 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	21	10	.677	—
Seattle	19	12	.613	2
Los Angeles	15	15	.500	5 1/2
San Antonio	13	17	.433	7 1/2
Minnesota	12	18	.400	8 1/2
Sacramento	11	21	.344	10 1/2

Friday's Games

Connecticut 88, New York 85, OT
Detroit 70, Indiana 63, OT
Chicago 92, Washington 86
Atlanta 98, Sacramento 90

Today's Games

Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NFL pre-season

Friday's Games

Houston 27, Tampa Bay 20
Dallas 35, Minnesota 31
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Rice lost 8 out of 11 starters including all-CUSA quarterback Chase Clement from an offense that averaged a solid 41 points per game last season. Ala-Birmingham returns 18 starters from a team that drastically improved the last three games of last season. The Owls will struggle with inexperience this year and are only 2-12-2 vs. the spread their last 16 straight-up road losses. Let's take Ala-Birmingham -6 for another Best Bet winner. Other plays include Western Michigan +13 1/2 vs. Michigan, Texas A&M -15 vs. New Mexico, and Central Michigan +13 1/2 vs. Arizona.

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
OHIO STATE	21 1/2	Navy
PENN STATE	27 1/2	Akron
MICHIGAN	13 1/2	W. Michigan
Connecticut	4	OHIO
NOTRE DAME	15	Nevada
OKLA. STATE	5 1/2	Georgia
a-Kentucky	15	Miami-Ohio
b-Oklahoma	22	Byu
c-Illinois	6 1/2	Missouri
ALA-BIRM.	6	Rice
WAKE FOREST	2	Baylor
Minnesota	7	SYRACUSE
E. MICHIGAN	5 1/2	Army
WISCONSIN	16 1/2	N. Illinois
PURDUE	10 1/2	Toledo
Stanford	16 1/2	WASH. ST
AUBURN	13 1/2	Louisiana Tech
TEXAS A&M	15	New Mexico
d-Alabama	6	Virginia Tech
NEW MEX. ST	3	Idaho
TEX. EL PASO	9	Buffalo
CALIFORNIA	21	Maryland
SO. CAL	33	San Jose St
ARIZONA	13 1/2	C. Michigan
UCLA	19	San Diego St
Lsu	17 1/2	WASHINGTON
NEBRASKA	22 1/2	Florida Atlantic
CLEMSON	19	Middle Tenn St
TEXAS	42	La-Monroe
TENNESSEE	30	W. Kentucky
Sunday, Sept 6		
Mississippi	17	MEMPHIS
COLORADO	10 1/2	Colorado St
Monday, Sept 7		
RUTGERS	5	Cincinnati
FLORIDA ST	6	Miami-Florida

a-at Cincinnati, OH.
b-at Arlington, TX.
c-at St. Louis, MO.
d-at Georgia Dome

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
National League		
Chicago Cubs	8-9	NY METS
MILWAUKEE	5 1/2-6 1/2	San Fran
St. Louis	5 1/2-6 1/2	PITT.
Philadelphia	Even-6	HOUSTON
Florida	7-8	WASHINGTON
ATLANTA	10-11	Cincinnati
COLORADO	6 1/2-7 1/2	Arizona
LA DODGERS	11-12	San Diego
American League		
NY Yankees	7-8	TORONTO
CHICAGO	Even-6	Boston
Minnesota	5 1/2-6 1/2	CLEVE.
TAMPA BAY	7 1/2-8 1/2	Detroit
Texas	6 1/2-7 1/2	BALT.
KANSAS CITY	Even-6	LA Angels
OAKLAND	6 1/2-7 1/2	Seattle

Soccer card

Scholastic

Today

Boys

Belle Vernon Area Tournament

9 a.m. - Charleroi vs Belle Vernon Area
11 a.m. - Ringgold vs Waynesburg
1 p.m. - McKeesport vs Central Catholic
3 p.m. - BV Area vs Chartiers-Houston

Canon-McMillan Tournament

1 p.m. - Bentworth vs Canon-McMillan
3 p.m. - North Hills vs McGuffey

Monessen Tournament

Noon - California vs Carrick
4 p.m. - Monessen vs St. Joseph

Girls

Monessen Tournament

10 a.m. - Charleroi vs Chartiers-Houston
2 p.m. - Monessen vs Beth-Center

South Fayette Tournament

Noon - Ringgold vs Gateway
4 p.m. - Waynesburg vs South Fayette

South Hills Classic

1 p.m. - BV Area vs Chartiers Valley
4 p.m. - Peters Township vs Mt. Lebanon
7 p.m. - Penn-Trafford vs South Park

Thomas Jefferson Tournament

9 a.m. - Thomas Jefferson vs West Mifflin
11 a.m. - Elizabeth Forward vs McGuffey
2 p.m. - McGuffey vs West Mifflin
4 p.m. - Elizabeth Forward vs Thomas Jefferson

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
New England	9	6	6	33	26	26
D.C.	7	5	11	32	35	34
Toronto FC	8	8	7	31	30	33
Kansas City	5	10	6	21	20	29
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Seattle	8	6	10	34	29	23
Colorado	9	7	6	33	35	27
Real SaltLake	9	9	6	33	35	27
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	31	35
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Today's Games

Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Colorado, 10 p.m.

Cal U's running game ailing

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It's no secret that one of the reasons for California University's football success in recent years has been its running game.

Last year the Vulcans averaged 189 yards on the ground and featured a 1,000-yard rusher in Daine Williams.

In 2007, California was gaining 206 rushing yards a game with Williams going over 1,000.

Three years ago the Vulcans averaged 200 yards, led by 1,500-yard rusher Brandon Lombardy.

In 2005 the Vulcans were good for 226 yards a game rushing with 1,500-yarder Antoine Bagwell setting the pace.

California coach John Luckhardt will be the first to tell you that one of the lowlights in the Vulcans' season opening 23-17 loss to Saginaw Valley State was the running game.

Although the Vulcans finished with 190 rushing yards against the Cardinals, that number was a bit misleading because quarterback Josh Portis accounted for 82 of the total.

Cal's four running backs — Windell Brown, Freddie Bacco, Cody Wilson and Brandon Anderson — combined for 86 yards on 25 carries for less than four yards a pop.

Brown, however, is out with an injury.

"It's a mixed blessing that Josh can make plays with his legs, but we have to get our running game going," said Luckhardt.

If they don't, the Vulcans could be an uncharacteristic 0-2 after today's 7 p.m. showdown with No. 6 Bloomsburg at Adamson Stadium.

The Huskies' defense took the spotlight in their opening 10-7 win over No. 15 Ashland by limiting the Eagles to 261 total offense yards, including 90 on the ground.

Bloomsburg senior linebacker Anthony Smith was named the PSAC East Defensive Player of the Week after making a career-high 11 tackles and leading a goal-line stand in the second quarter. Senior defensive lineman Justin Presley contributed three quarterback sacks.

On offense, Bloomsburg is led by senior quarterback Dan Latorre and senior running back Stefan Adams.

Latorre, a graduate student who's third on the school's all-time passing list with 5,816 yards and 49 touchdown passes, completed 16 of 28 passes for 158 yards against Ashland.

Adams gained 104 yards on 15 carries in the opener.

Bloomsburg was a 27-24 loser to Cal at Adamson Stadium in last year's Super 1 Regional Final after downing the Vulcans, 24-17, in the second game of the season at Redman Stadium.

Latorre completed only one of six passes for eight yards in the win over Cal and went nine of 124 for 141 yards in the loss to the Vulcans.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Three Pittsburgh Steeler starters, Larry Brown, L.C. Greenwood and J.T. Thomas, were listed as questionable for the opener with the Houston Oilers with guard Sam Davis doubtful.

20 Years Ago

Monongahela's Fred Cox was looking forward to the 20-year reunion of the Minnesota Vikings' first NFL championship and Super Bowl teams.

The Charleroi High boys' soccer team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to edge Belle Vernon Area, 3-2, in double overtime.

Jason Ruttenberg had three goals in Ringgold's 13-0 romp over Beth-Center.

10 Years Ago

Bentworth was a 14-6 loser to Duquesne in coach George Overton's debut.

The Pittsburgh Steelers put five players on their practice squad: Carlos King, L.C. Stevens, Tony Orlandini, Corey Terry and Ernie Brown.

Bill **HUGHES**

Superstars working for WWE

When the WWE announced that it was bringing "Superstars" off the shelf, many people, myself included, thought the company was going to oversaturate its product even more.

Five months into the show, I like what I have seen.

The show has been used to build mid-card wrestlers into bigger names and low-card wrestlers into someone fans can somewhat care about.

Wrestlers who have benefitted from the show include Cryme Tyme, the Hart Dynasty and John Morrison, just to name a few.

The younger WWE stars are now getting the chance to be seen by the fans whereas they were just another person on "Raw" or "Smackdown," respectively.

Hogan to TNA?

This past week, word has leaked that Hulk Hogan may be trying to work his way into TNA wrestling.

It is no secret that Hogan's bank accounts took a major hit when his ex-wife took him to the cleaners, and in the wrestling industry it is widely known that Hogan will be looking to make a return to the ring.

However, realistically speaking, TNA can not offer Hogan anywhere near the money that he would get from a deal with the WWE, and everyone knows it.

While it is possible that Hogan would sign with TNA, the general feeling is that he is sweet talking TNA to try and get a better deal from Vince McMahon.

Is it definite that Hogan will return to professional wrestling?

Nothing is ever definite in the wacky world known as pro wrestling or sports entertainment or entertainment or whatever it is called this week. It is a safe assumption Hogan will be in a ring sooner rather than later.

Upcoming Raw hosts

Monday, former "Price is Right" host Bob Barker will host "Raw," while the greatest female sports entertainer of all-time, Trish Stratus, will host the show a week from Monday.

However, I don't expect either host to spike the "Raw" ratings, as the Labor Day "Raw" has always drawn a low number and next week is the first "Monday Night Football" game of the regular season.

WWE signs two wrestlers

The WWE has come to terms with Brian Danielson and Nigel McGuinness to contracts.

Both talents were mainstays in Ring of Honor, the third top promotion in the United States.

Expect to see more signings from ROH as the organization is rumored to be moving its television show to Monday nights.

In memory

This week's column is dedicated to the memory of Msgr. P. Lino Ramellini.

Monsignor played an instrumental part of my life as he baptized me and gave me my First Communion.

A long-time family friend, Monsignor would always ask me when I was going to be his bodyguard for a trip back to his homeland of Italy.

While we never took the trip, I would have gone in an instant as I also have bloodlines that run to Italy.

One of the most respected people I have ever met, Monsignor will be missed but never forgotten.

This week's question

Will Kurt Angle ever go back to the WWE? — Tom, California.

There is always a chance, but Angle has gained so much power in TNA that I don't see him leaving any time soon. He is on his way onto the writing team if he isn't there already and has supplanted Jeff Jarrett as the most powerful talent in TNA.

Cardinals beat down Bucs

Ryan Ludwick's two homers give Adam Wainwright his 17th win of the season.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ryan Ludwick allowed Adam Wainwright to overcome a rare subpar start and back into becoming the majors' first 17-game winner.

Ludwick homered twice and had his first career five-hit game, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 14-7 on Friday night for their 10th win in 12 games.

Last-place Pittsburgh lost its eighth straight despite a six-run fifth that briefly gave it the lead after trailing 5-0 — only to watch Albert Pujols give St. Louis the lead again the following half-inning with a three-run homer, his major league-leading 43rd.

"He had that one bad inning," Ludwick said of Wainwright. "He's been so dominating as of late, to be able to come back and get him out of it — being that he really hasn't done that at all of late — it was nice. It was nice to be able to help him out, get him off the hook and get this first win of the series."

Matt Holliday also homered and Mark DeRosa added three hits for St. Louis, which has won six of seven and 17 of 21 to extend its lead in the National League Central to 11 1/2 games over the Chicago Cubs.

"(Wainwright) is having a great, great year, nobody's getting anything off him and all of a sudden, there's the one big inning," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He just looked like he ran out of gas ... But I liked it because sometimes he picks us up. It's a good team thing."

Ludwick and Holliday hit back-to-back solo home runs off of Kevin Hart in the third extend the Cardinals' lead to 4-0, and Ludwick also hit a three-run shot in the eighth for his eighth career multihomer game, third this season.

NL Cy Young candidate Wainwright (17-7) cruised through the first four innings, allowing only four baserunners and holding a 5-0 lead until, with one out in the fifth, seven of eight Pirates batters reached to give them a 6-5 lead.

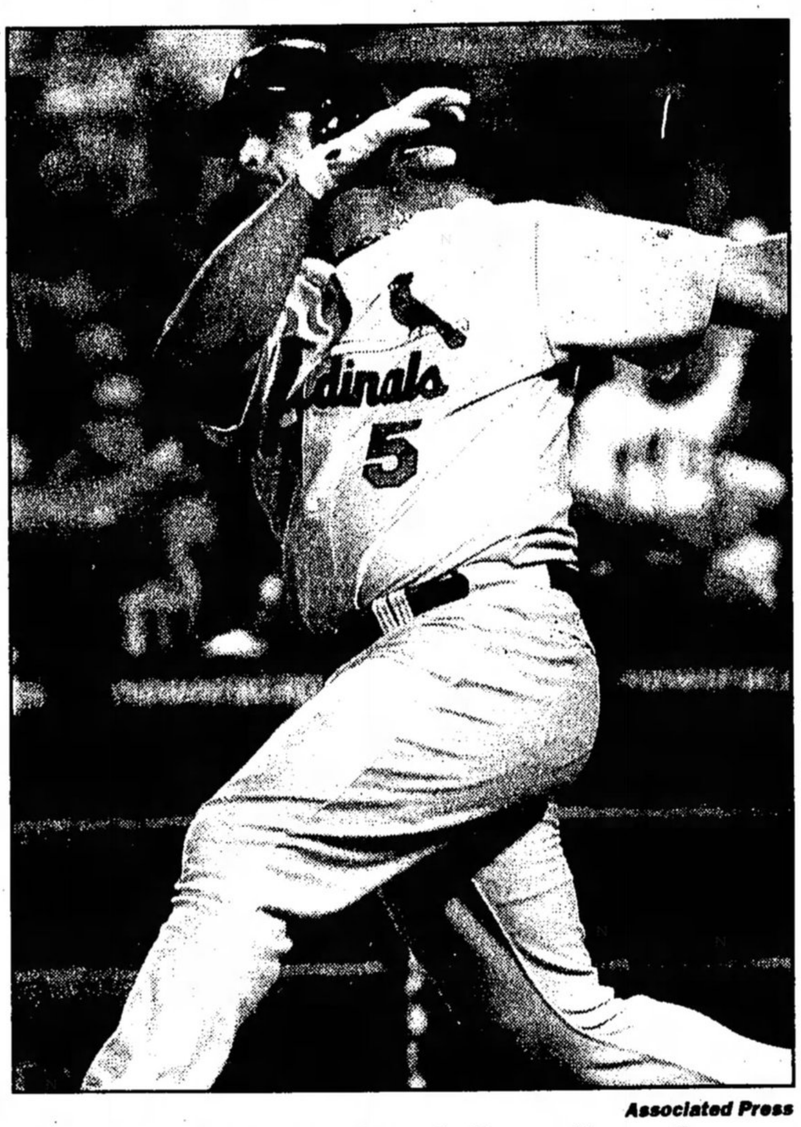
The six earned runs Wainwright allowed in that inning were as many as he allowed in both of the entire months of July and August — when he made six starts each month, going 4-1 each time.

"I didn't execute my pitches that inning is really all it comes down to," Wainwright said. "And the team is my saving grace. Right now if it wasn't for my team scoring eight runs for me, I would be hard to talk to."

Wainwright was in line to receive a loss for only the second time in nine starts when left the game after five innings having been charged with six runs on nine hits and two walks, striking out five.

But Pujols' homer — a line drive that cleared the left-field wall quickly — was only the beginning of a nine-run Cardinals' outburst over the course of three innings to put away the game.

St. Louis has scored only four combined runs in Wainwright's past three losses.



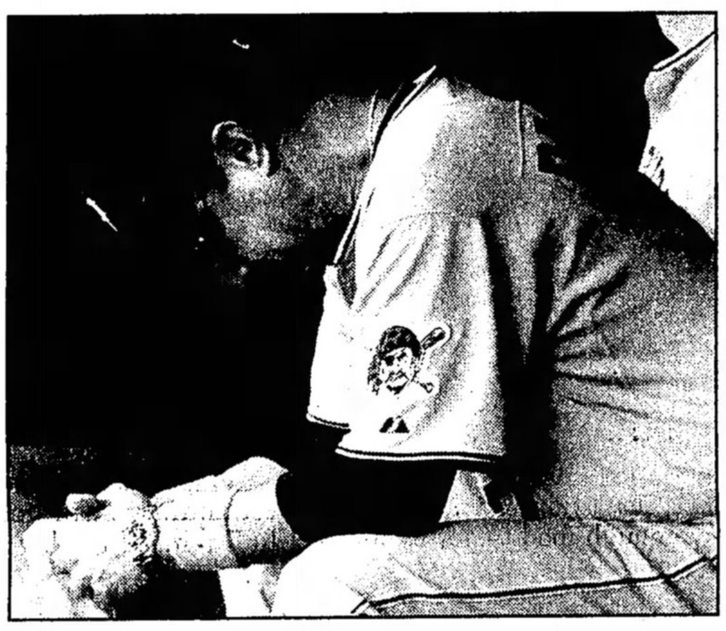
Associated Press

St. Louis' Albert Pujols follows through on a three-run home run off Pittsburgh pitcher Denny Bautista in the sixth inning Friday.

Once-proud franchise now laughingstock

Pirates celebrate bright past to cover up team's dim present and future.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer



John Russell is the latest manager who has been unable to keep the Pirates' ship from sinking.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — To the Pittsburgh Pirates, a happy anniversary sure beats the daily reality.

This season, big-time blowouts honored Forbes Field's opening in 1909 and the 30th reunion of the 1979 World Series-winning team. Next year, it's Bill Mazeroski and the 50th-year celebration of the Impossible Pirates who upset the mighty Yankees. In 2011, it's the 40th anniversary of Roberto Clemente's World Series coming-out party at age 36.

So much Pirates tradition. So many memories. So many stars.

Only now, so much losing.

No team in Major League Baseball or the NFL, NHL or NBA has endured 17 consecutive losing seasons — not the Detroit Lions, not the Vancouver Canucks, not even the Los Angeles Clippers. Until the Pirates reached the mark last season, the only other team to suffer 16 in a row was the 1933-48 Philadelphia Phillies.

Where have you gone, Honus Wagner and Barry Bonds, Paul Waner, Pie Traynor and Willie Stargell? A proud franchise that won five World Series from 1909-79, five division titles from 1970-75 and put 13 players in the Hall of Fame is about to become the poster child for losing, the epitome of futility.

The Pirates don't have a magic number, they have a tragic number, and it's 17. With 80 defeats, they stand three losses from setting the record for consecutive losing seasons by a major American pro sports team.

No wonder they're so eager to live in the past.

"It hurts, it really hurts," said Jim Rooker, a Pirates player from 1973-80 and an announcer from 1981-93. "And I don't see any hope in sight. It's just not there. You can almost see another losing season (in 2010) and another and another."

In Pittsburgh, they've become — as former Pirates pitcher Sean Burnett recently called them — a laughingstock.

After the Steelers won the Super Bowl, the Penguins won the Stanley Cup and Pitt was the top-ranked team in college basketball this year, T-shirts were printed reading: "The City of Champions — and the Pirates." A cigar shop advertises prices "lower than the Pirates' payroll."

It's not just that they've lost, but how the Pirates have lost. Only once since 1992 have they finished within four games of .500. They've lost 89 or more games 10 times; and are on pace to do it for an 11th.

As with most bad teams, a steady trickle of bad drafts, hires, trades and foolish signings led to a torrent of losing.

It began in 1991-92, when, instead of spending moderately to keep in-their-prime players such as Bonds and Bobby Bonilla, the Pirates chose to rebuild with prospects Kevin Young, Al Martin and Carlos Garcia. Bad move.

Owners lacking deep pockets sold to owners who could barely raise the cash to buy the team. In turn, they sold to owners with zero experience running a sports franchise. In 2003, Aramis Ramirez was given away in one of baseball's most one-sided trades of recent vintage because underfunded ownership exceeded baseball's debt-to-equity ratio.

"It's tough when you're in a small market," said former Pirates outfielder Mike Easler, a member of the '79 team. "You can't spend like the Yankees and Mets and Dodgers. You have to make the right decisions, and when you don't ..."

You become the Pirates.

Unlike the Steelers and Penguins, who develop players, keep them, and draft intelligently, the Pirates have looked overmatched on and off the field for years.

They wasted the No. 1 pick in the June 2002 draft on pitcher Bryan Bullington because he was affordable; he still hasn't won a game. They could have taken Prince Fielder or B.J. Upton.

They drafted John Van Benschoten, college baseball's leading home run hitter in 2001, and made him into a pitcher. A not very good one, either; his statistics for his first 20 starts were the worst in major league history.

Clemente, Stargell, Wagner? For the last 17 years, the Pirates' roster has been clogged with no-names and never-weres: Dennis Konuszewski and Matt Skrmetta, J.J. Furmaniak and J.J. Davis, Dave Wainhouse and Dave Davidson, Jonah Bayliss and Joe Boever, Brad Clontz and Brad Eldred, Josias Manzanillo, Ravelo Manzanillo and Franquelis Osoria.

Along the way, 328 players, six managers, four general managers (mostly Cam Bonifay and Dave Littlefield) and three owners had a hand in the Pirates losing 1,500 games — their 82nd loss this season will be the 1,501st of the streak — and finish an average of 22 1/2 games behind the division winner.

Since the Pirates lost Game 7 of the 1992 NLCS in Atlanta (thanks, Sid Bream), the Yankees have played in six World Series. The Red Sox ended an 86-year run without winning the World Series, the White Sox an 88-year drought. Bonds hit 586 home runs, and retired. Greg Maddux won 260 games, and retired. There was an October without a World Series and a November with one.

To the Pirates, every April, May, June, July, August, September and October seem the same. Terrible.

"Even bad teams have good streaks, but they don't seem to have them," Rooker said. "I know people are waiting for signs of improvement, but I just don't see it. They just can't compete on a day-in, day-out basis with the better clubs. It's one step forward, two steps back every single year."

Pat Meares was signed to a $15 million contract despite a serious hand injury. Derek Bell signed for $10 million when nobody else was offering $1 million. Raul Mondesi hated the Pirates so much he quit them after two months, retired, then unretired when given a chance to play elsewhere. Singles hitter Jason Kendall got a $60 million deal, and the Pirates wound up paying nearly half of it for him to play elsewhere.

Even when they do it right, it turns out wrong. They opened much-praised PNC Park with its spectacular city backdrop in 2001, then squandered the largest season ticket base in team history by losing 100 games. Now they outdraw only the A's and Marlins, who play in football stadiums.

Nothing beats the view in PNC, except fans must watch a team that regularly loses 95 games.

"It felt like we were on the road," pitcher Paul Maholm said of a recent home game at which the cross-state Phillies had more fans than the Pirates.

The current strategy under owner Bob Nutting, team president Frank Coonelly and general manager Neal Huntington is to stockpile prospects by trading players of value: Jason Bay, Xavier Nady, Damaso Marte, Freddy Sanchez, Jack Wilson, Nate McLouth, Adam LaRoche, John Grabow and Njyer Morgan since last season alone. Only catcher Ryan Doumit remains from the 2008 opening day lineup.

"We know these trades were highly unpopular," Huntington said. "But this is how we're going to win, how we're going to build this franchise. ... We need to stop this cycle of losing."

It's not that the players readily accept the losing. LaRoche uttered an expletive upon learning of the first round of trades. Double-play partners Wilson and Sanchez were nearly in tears upon being dealt. But there simply haven't been enough good players to cover up all the flaws in scouting, development, acquisition and performance.

Huntington understands it's probably unrealistic to expect the Pirates to contend in 2010 or 2011. Should the run extend through 2012, it would reach an astounding 20 seasons.

"Jack Wilson was here nine years and he was losing the whole time," said outfielder Andrew McCutchen, who wasn't recalled until June but already is the team's best player. "This is my first taste of it, and it's not like I'm living with it. I'm living with it — for now."

If McCutchen's Pirates stop the streak, maybe they will be known as the Impossible Pirates.

Stricker takes early lead at Deutsche Bank

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Steve Stricker birdied his first two holes, and Tiger Woods could see what was coming. Walking to the next tee Friday at the TPC Boston, Woods said to his caddie, "He's going to shoot 62." Woods' instincts were off by one. Stricker shot 63.

With superb command of his driver and his typical dose of great putting, Stricker ran off five straight birdies and only once came close to a bogey to share the first-round lead with Jim Furyk in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Furyk, without a victory in more than two years, shot his 8-under 63 in the afternoon. He had five birdies in his opening six holes, settled in for a diet of pars, then closed with consecutive birdies for his lowest round of the year.

They were two shots clear of a group that included Masters champion Angel Cabrera, Justin Leonard, Retief Goosen and Scott Verplank, who had dinner with Stricker Thursday and had a bout of food poisoning.

Stricker felt fine, and looked even better.

"To get off to a birdie-birdie start just kind of got the day started in the right direction," Stricker said.

In a reversal, it was Woods who had the best seat for a great round. The world's No. 1 player hit ordinary shots to the green, hit one tee shot into the bushes for a penalty shot and failed to convert five birdie chances he had inside 12 feet. He wound up with a 70.

"I didn't really do much of anything positive today," Woods said. "I didn't feel good over any shot today. Didn't drive it very good, hit my irons worse and didn't make any putts. Other than that, it was a good day."

FEATURES

The Charleroi High School Class of 1979 held its 30-year reunion at the Four Points Sheraton – Greensburg on July 18. Posing for a class photo, first row, from left, are Len Mihealsick, Tom Bakaitus, Shawn Hill, Jody Doerfler Cheplic, Lisa Baker Altemare, Jane Lee, Delwin Brockett, Jodi Brown, Wanda Rice Russell, Diana Menia Riel and Holly McCloskey Kaufmann; second row, Gary DuJordan, Alicia Pavlekosky Brockett, Miriam Cherven Miller, Sherri Sikora Koehnke, Shawna Amodei Glad, Ellen Uhlman Starry, Kim Reed Lisi, Brenda Ulens Jennion, Barb Houston Day, Karla Zimmerman, Pam Terensky Horvitz, Sheik Shannon, Ken Rager, Mike Yagnich, John Blatnik, Jim Lundy and Barb Cappelli Smith; and third row, John Menendez, Bernie Bandini, Dan Lee, Tony Guzzi, Terry Santoro, Brian Jennion, Dave Opalenik, Bob Bury, Dan Armstrong, Reid Smith, Mark Hayduk, Greg Black, Ron Ramsey, Rich Penniine and Marvin Smith. Troy Baldwin is not pictured.

Frugal Living

Cutting down, cutting out

Many people are cutting back on spending. Some are even cutting things right out of their budget.

It's always interesting to see what makes the cut. If you're frugal, you've done everything "right" by living within your means, yet somehow you are still along for this economic bumpy ride. But you're prepared.

One reader, G.G. in Kentucky, says: "I'm attempting to have faith in my country and the people within it."

"I believe there is still enough American spirit that we should be able to pull out of this and come out better for it," G.G. said. "I think the key is not acting only on that fear and gloom that spreads like a disease, but that we continue to think things through and look at the possible long-term results of our choices."

Focus on the parts of your life you can control. Part of that comes down to what and how you spend – and what you're not willing to waste. Some people are new to the concept of frugality. So some are hopping onto the frugal wagon and need a starting point. It's important to point out that frugal living isn't about taking drastic measures.

It's about making responsible, consistent, prioritized spending choices. It's about knowing you can't spend your way to prosperity. And

Sara **NOEL**

the economy? It'll adjust.

Here are some things frugalitarians are doing to save.

CLOTHING: Buy children's clothes a size ahead and anticipate growth.

But limit the amount of clothing that is bought to a basic mix-and-match wardrobe. Mend and refashion what you can, and check secondhand sources or shop seasonal sales for the best prices.

You can organize a clothing swap with family and friends. For help organizing a larger community event, visit Swap-O-Rama-Rama (www.swaporamarama.org), a nonprofit that helps organize clothing swaps and DIY design workshops.

BE A HOMEBODY: Spend more time at home.

There's great value in home entertainment such as an Internet connection and simple activities such as reading and learning, gardening, crafts and focusing on family. The money saved can go toward debt, necessities, in the bank or continued financial preparation for the future. Note: It's not going under a mattress.

FREEBIES: Look for free or cheap opportunities.

Maybe it's a meal held at school, church or at a family or friend's home, a book club or movie night at the library, or free local event.

Put the word out for items you're looking for, too. Check freecycle.com and craigslist.org.

FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS: A concept from days gone by. Turn to your neighbors for support, to swap/barter/borrow or lend a helping hand. Look out for one another. Networking is important, too.

SHOP WISELY: Stock up on pantry staples.

Don't hoard, but have enough food to get by for more than a few days.

You can visit www.trackmyfoodstorage.com to help you get onto a practical food-storage system for your family. Look for discount groceries at stores such as Aldi, or visit my Web site at www.frugalvillage.net to find out if there's a salvage grocery store in your area. Learn cooking options such as solar cooking (www.solarcooking.org), using pressure cookers, woks, slow cookers or even cast-iron cooking on an open hearth.

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

Some area residents took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Conneaut Lake Park. At the park, from left, are Wes and Patty Large, of Forward Township; Karen and Natalie Bristow, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Malissa Behanna and her father, Brad, of Monongahela. In front are Vickie Nucetelli, of Scenery Hill, and her daughter, Elaina.

MAKING THE GRADE

Puskar accepted to St. Vincent

Michael R. Puskar, of Monongahela, has been accepted to St. Vincent College, where he will study finance.

A 2008 Serra Catholic High School graduate, he was active with hockey and the National Honor Society. He served as French Club vice president. He played for the Junior Pens and the Northern Cyclones in Boston. The son of Rick and Lora Puskar, he is a member of Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church in Donora.

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■ Clark-Guseman reunion, Jefferson Township Recreational Area, Grindstone, 1:30 p.m.

■ Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Church, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■ Senior Showboat practice, Monongahela Senior Center, 6 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monongahela library board sets meeting

The Monongahela Area Library board of trustees will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library.

Card party scheduled

Mon Valley Rebekahs 82 will sponsor a card party 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Odd Fellows Hall in Gastonville.

W. Pike Run Municipal Authority sets meeting

The West Pike Run Township Municipal Authority will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the township building.

Civil War Roundtable to meet at Cal U

The Civil War Roundtable will meet 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Kara-Booker Great Room in the Kara Alumni House at California University of Pennsylvania. Robert Gorczyca will present "The Art of War," featuring artwork and memoirs of Pvt. Robert Knox Sneden, a Union mapmaker. For information, e-mail stonewall1863@comcast.net or call Mike at (412) 417-1516.

Monongahela Mothers' Club sets meeting

The Monongahela Mothers' Club will meet 1 p.m. Thursday at the Church of the Nazarene.

Registration set for swim lessons

Registration for Elizabeth Forward community swim lessons will take place 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the high school pool office. Participants must be at least 5 before the class begins. Classes will be Mondays and Wednesdays. For information call (412) 896-2351.

Daley aide offers help

An aide to state Rep. Peter J. Daley will provide assistance with state forms and applications as follows:

Thursday – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Center on the Hill, 100 Summit St., Washington Township.

Sept. 15 – 10 a.m. to noon, Monongahela Senior Center, W. Main Street.

Sept. 22 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Monongahela Council Chambers, 449 W. Main St.

Appointment are not required. For information, call (724) 379-5540.

Lodge 615 meeting set

Charleroi Lodge 615 Free and Accepted Masons will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Masonic Hall on McKean Avenue.

School Job Fair set at Cal U

The third annual student School Job Fair will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Natali Student Center Performance Center at California University of Pennsylvania. Students will be able to meet with local employers to discuss part-time jobs, internships and co-op opportunities. For information, call (724) 938-4413.

Entertainment books for sale

The Hope Center in Carroll Township is taking orders for Entertainment books. For information call Chrissy Taylor at (724) 379-6581.

Monessen treasurer's office open at City Hall

The Monessen treasurer's office is still open at City Hall, 100 Third St. Residents can bring payments to the tax office. The phone number is (724) 684-9716. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Post 28 plans dinner meeting

Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28, Monessen, will conduct a dinner meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Alpine Club. For reservations, call Bob at (724) 684-6209 or Wayne at (724) 684-6028.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society

President John Dudas welcomed everyone to the annual Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society picnic at Speers Park. Before dinner was served, Chaplain Mike Martin offered grace.

Rosemary Betza, Louise Dudas, Barbara Felak, Patty Pettko and Mary Ralston served the catered dinner.

The group enjoyed desserts made by Felak, Pettko, Ralston, Ruth Bielowski and Agnes Mahalko.

After dinner, Elmer Andrachek and Bob Betza led a sing along.

The following prevailed at bingo: Lillian Plavko, Bielowski, Ron Danko, Rich Dudas, Madeline Dudas, Joan Wiggins and Sabra Clark.

Plavko prevailed at share the wealth.

The next meeting will be Sept. 28 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Rostraver Township.

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'Cheater' actually trickster

McLEAN, Va. (AP) – The story of a man who stood for days at an intersection with a sign proclaiming his infidelity was a hoax.

According to The Washington Post, the host of "The Kane Show" on WIHT-FM admitted on his program Wednesday that he was behind the stunt. The Post reports that the host, known only as Kane, said the gimmick was an experiment in the media's fact-checking standards.

The tale of the supposed adulterer drew worldwide attention and became an Internet sensation.

The man who identified himself as William Taylor was actually an intern who stood near Tysons Corner Center with a sign that read "I cheated. This is my punishment." He said he and his alleged wife had agreed to the deed.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: S equals B

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I'm going to college. I don't care if it ruins my career. I'd rather be smart than a movie star." - Natalie Portman

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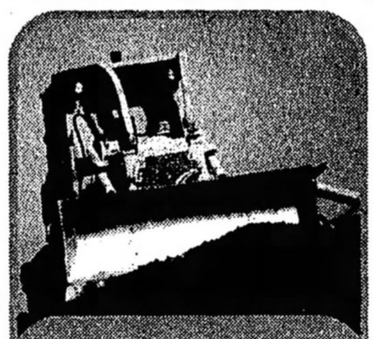

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WORLD KITCHEN, LLC

World Kitchen, LLC, located in Charleroi PA is looking to fill several positions and categories to meet production needs and maintain workforce levels. We are currently looking for Selectors, Journeyman Master Mold Machinists and Journeyman Electricians.

SELECTORS
We are accepting applications for employment for selectors, our entry level position. We offer a starting salary of $11.04/hour and progress to $11.54. Applicants must be available to work rotating shifts, be available to work on-call.

JOURNEYMAN MASTER MOLD MACHINISTS
We offer a starting salary of $17.13/hour and progress to $18.11 after successful shop certification (approximately six months).
All applicants must have State Certified Journeyman Papers or proof of completion of an apprenticeship program. Other requirements of the job include:
- A minimum of 5 years shop experience.
- Must possess a broad range of skills including CNC, manually operated equipment and benchwork
- Must be able to interpret blueprints and setup machines.

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- Must possess electrical and electronic technician knowledge.
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- Must be able to interpret blueprints and ladder logic

After completion of a 135 working day probationary period, World Kitchen Employees are entitled to a comprehensive benefits package, which includes *medical coverage, life insurance*, a 401K plan and wage increase. All Employees who successfully complete the probationary period become members of the United Steelworkers. Applicants must be available to work rotating shifts, be available for a call out when needed, and lift a minimum of 50 pounds. Candidates must successfully complete a series of job related tests, a medical examination, drug screen, a background check, and an interview.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FACILITY!
To apply, you must go to the PA CareerLink, Mon Valley, Donora Industrial Park, 570 Galiffa Drive, Donora, PA from September 8-10 from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Throughout the hiring process the applicant will be required to provide photo identification and social security card.
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-- Immediate Opening --

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COURIER
Full-time. Valid PA driver's license required. Reply to: Maintenance Supervisor, Centerville Clinics, Inc., 1070 Old National Pike Rd., Fredericktown, PA 15333. EOE.

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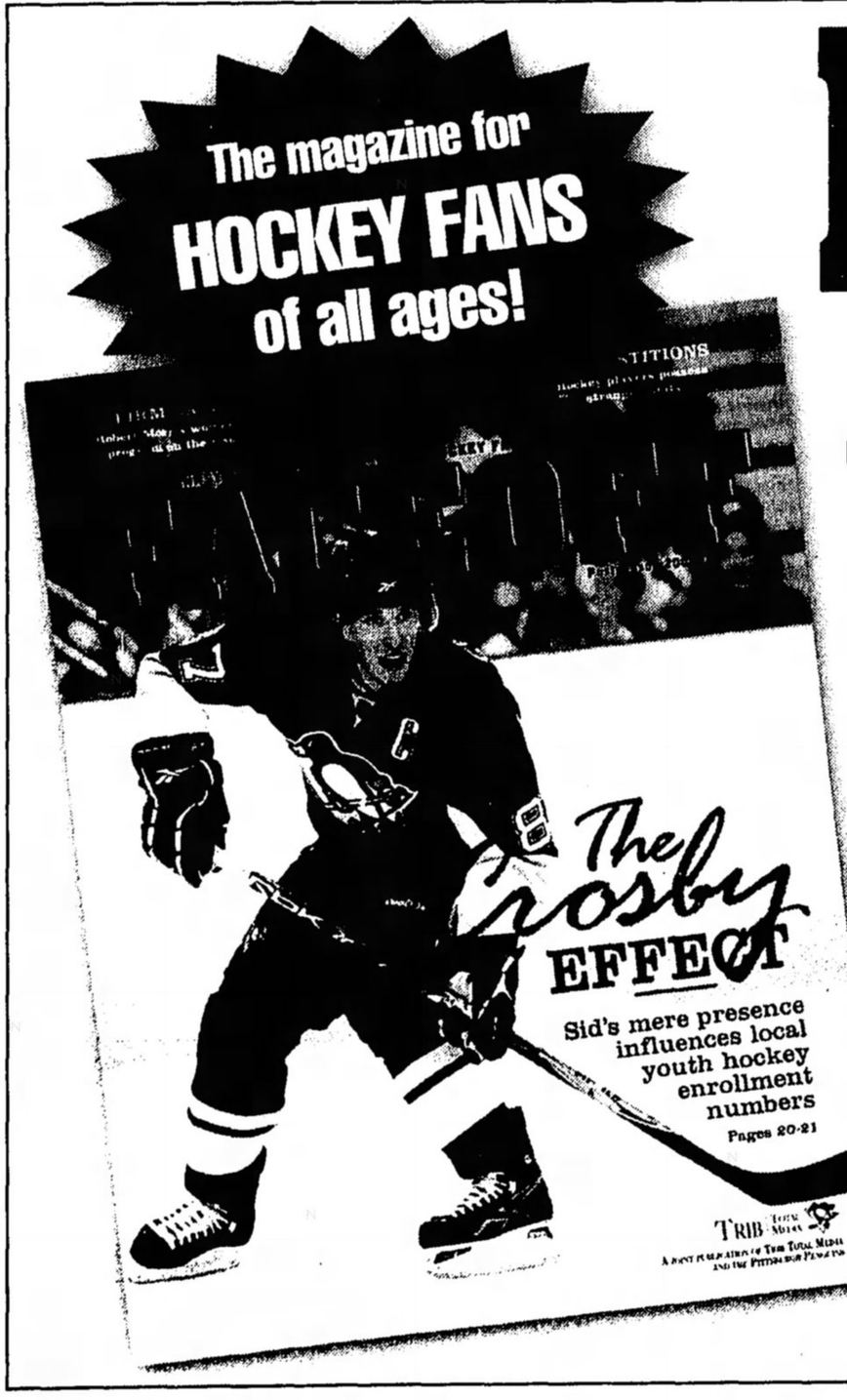

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Arway, Dorothy
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JOANN BRIM,
EXECUTRIX
P.O. BOX 103
MADISON, PA 15663

RICHARD R. VICTORIA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
506 CIRCLE DRIVE
BELLE VERNON, PA
15012
(724)929-9823
9/5,12,19

2020/BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SEALED PROPOSALS are being accepted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Pennsylvania for the provision of Nursing Services for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility. Proposals will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at the Washington County Controller's Office, Room 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, PA 15301.

All proposals must be submitted as 1 Original + 3 Copies according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Also, submit required word documents in Microsoft Word and spreadsheet in Excel format on compact disc. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned proposal from the Washington County Web Site at: www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the website are responsible for contract changes at the web site.

Proposal Envelope Must be Marked:

NURSING SERVICES
#092309-1NS-RFP

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Howard Hanna
Simon Real Estate Services
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Charleroi $34,900
Fourplex with commercial front & detached garage. *Incredible cash flow.* Fully rented. 790063

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Spacious 1 bedroom ranch on double lot. Off street parking. Perfect *starter or rental.* 780922

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Beautiful 2 bedroom brick *ranch* with gorgeous hardwood floors on over ½ acre mostly level lot with attached garage. Huge basement & breezeway. 792029

Monongahela $29,900
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Monongahela $84,900
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NORTHWOOD REALTY SERVICES
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Associate Broker
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X172 or
412-654-6916 cell

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Century 21
FRONTIER REALTY
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DONORA- 3 bedroom, ground floor, accessible. Incl. heat, water & sewage. $500+ electric. Call 412-302-4856.

MONONGAHELA 2nd floor, 2 bedroom, lg. living room, *nice* kitchen, peaceful neighborhood. $450+ utilities. No pet. 724-258-6481.

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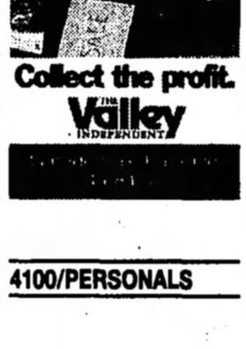

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Your Birthday

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VIRGO

August 23 through September 22

Greater responsibilities might be dropped in your lap in the year ahead. However, even if it seems to be a bum deal at first, as time unfolds you'll discover it can pay off far more handsomely than anything previously.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Tempers may be short, so in order to keep things from getting out of hand when people's patience starts to waver, use all the diplomacy and tact you can muster to quash an uprising.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Be exceptionally watchful of your behavior. The slightest misstep could be met with little tolerance or understanding, regardless of the valid reasons you claim to have.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Guard against resorting to unsavory tactics if things don't go your way at times with family or co-workers. Should you lose control and behave badly, you'll regret it later.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- A well-intended family member or friend might make a commitment on your behalf that may not thrill you. You'll look better if you handle it graciously, not angrily.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Unless you are up front with your mate or important someone, you could unwittingly create a lingering problem. Honesty is always the best policy, and it causes the least amount of trouble.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- You may be used to trusting little bits of information to memory, but this might not be a good policy when asked to pass on a few important facts. Write things down.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- If you can't afford to spend lavishly, stay away from stores that carry expensive merchandise. Keeping your extravagant urges in check may be more difficult than you anticipate.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Don't attempt to get everything done that you neglected in the past week, or you'll end up leaving a lot of half-finished projects scattered all over the place. Do one job at a time.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- In attempting to be funny or glib, you might embellish some gossip you are eager to pass on. It's bad enough to partake in tittle-tattle, but don't exaggerate things.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Again, that friend who is always broke might ask for another loan. If you're smart, you will try to find a way to help this person without putting a dent in your wallet.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Difficult objectives can be achieved if you are properly motivated to stick with them until their completion. Unless you're stimulated enough to do so, all bets are off.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- It'll be a big error on your part to count on others to pitch in and handle some of the household responsibilities. Unfortunately, everything might be dumped in your lap.

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